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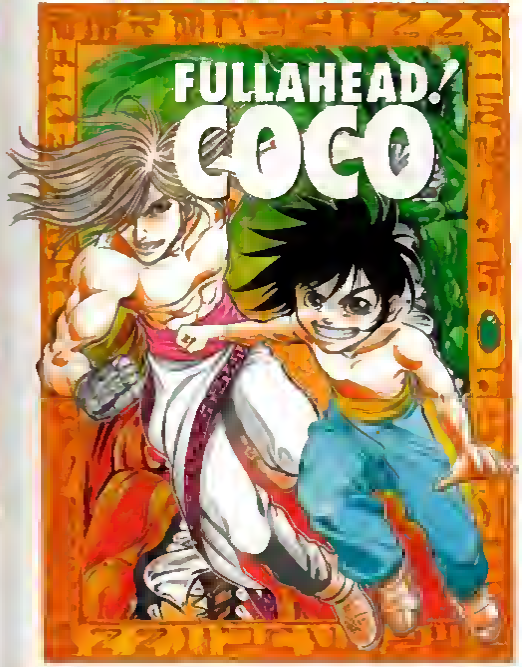

バーツとローグ、
そしてスパードの間に
かつて何があったのか…!?
愛と嫉妬、少年少女の心が揺れる!!
クレイジーバーツの原点が…!!

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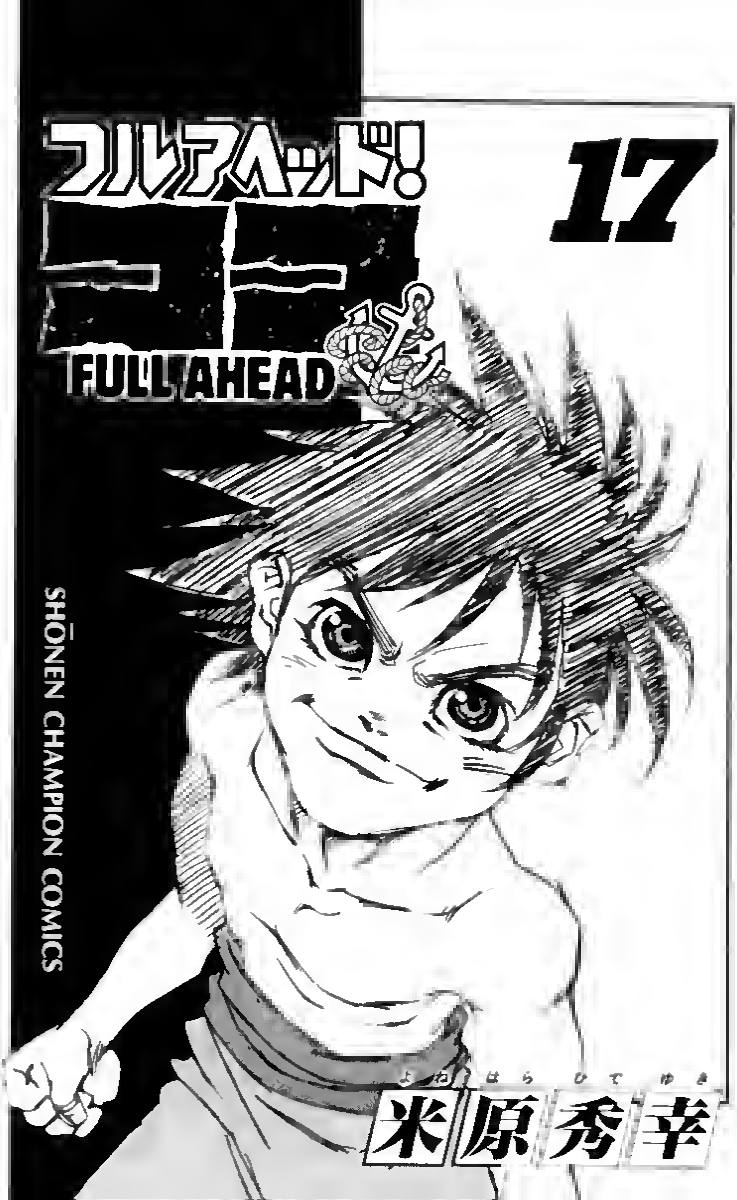

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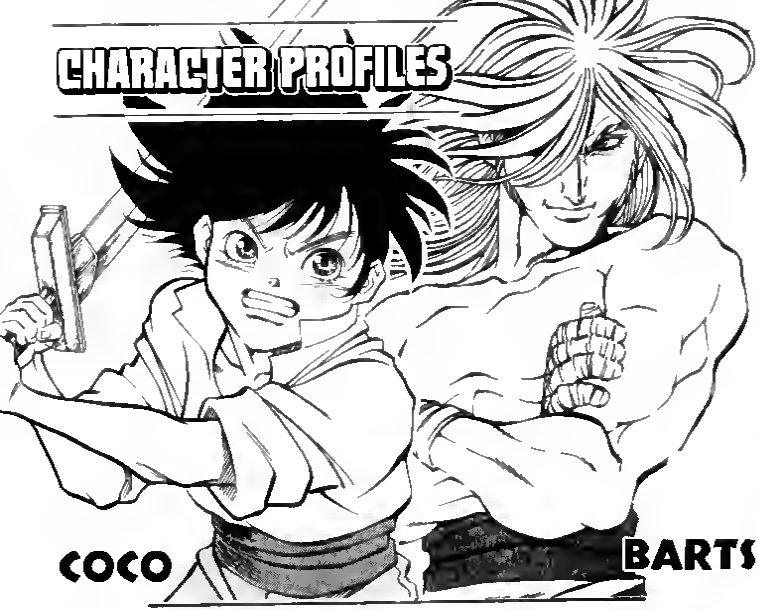

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BARTS

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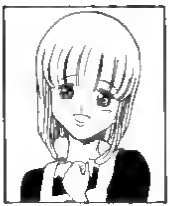

MILKA

The Sweet Madonna
CRAZY STONE HEAD

NOSE

BAKUCHI

DEAD

HULK

MIGARU

PETE

SPARD
(of The Red Skell)

GRAFF
(of The Cloburd)

KAMARA
(of The Darkness Gale)

VANIS
(Oldblood Family)

GLORIA
(Oldblood Family)

FELLOW PIRATES

ZAGI (Guardian Spirit of The Falcon Legacy!?)

ROGUE (Captain of the White Void)

CAFELL
(of The Red Skell)

CHAKO
(Oldblood Family)

前巻まで

誰もが海賊に憧れた時代、そして、海賊ならば誰もが夢見た「ファルコン伝説」に導かれる物語…。

レッドスケル号に追いついたココとパーツは、キャプテンスパードに預けてあったハウエルしいさん特製の双剣を返してもらう。そこで、ファルコン最後の謎「虹の街」と思われる場所から生還した男の存在が明らかになった。そこは「海賊の墓場」と呼ばれる、いまだかつて生きて帰った者はいないという海域だが…!?

スパードは「海賊の墓場へ向かう前に10年前のことをはっきりさせよう」と言いだし、スパードとパーツ兄弟の過去が明らかに…!?

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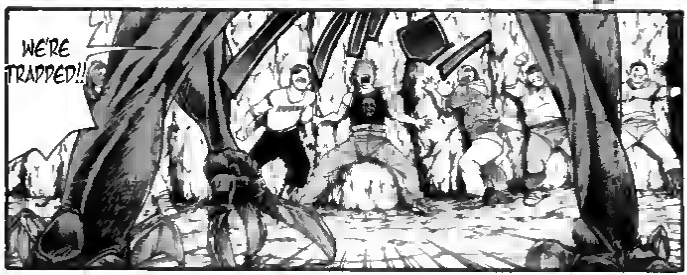

Chapter 142 ❖ Inheritance

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Chapter 142 ❖ Inheritance

SLICED IN THREE!
WOO, YOU DID IT IN ONE STRIKE, JOHN!
YOU REALLY LIVE UP TO YOUR NAME, TWIN SWORDS BARTS!

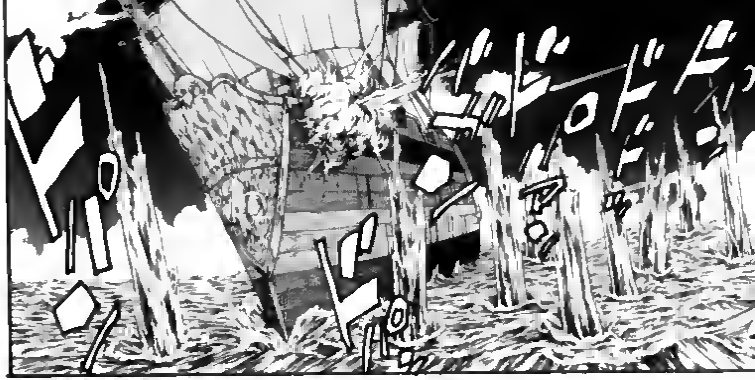
GOOD!
YOU ALL MADE IT BACK SAFE AND SOUND!
HEY, CAPTAIN!
WE RAN INTO SOME FREAKY MONSTER...
...AND? WHERE'S JOHN!?
HEY!
LAYLA! I BROUGHT A SOUVENIR FOR YOU!
...YOU CALL THAT A SOUVENIR?
WAIT UP, DAMMIT!
ズルズル
I WAS THINKING THAT IF WE BOILED IT OR COOKED IT UP, WE COULD EAT IT!
IT'S PROBABLY DELICIOUS!

WHO THE HELL WOULD EAT THAT!?
WHY WOULD YOU EVEN THINK THAT?
TELL HIM, YOUNG MISTRESS.
STUUUUPID!
WHAT THE HELL!? YOU'RE SO UNGRATEFUL...!
WHO WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?
SHE'S RIGHT!!
WEIRDO
JOHN... YOU'RE SO PIGHEADED.
BLEH
WHAT A FREAK!
YEAH YEAH
OH!
.....
CAPTAIN, SHALL WE HEAD BACK TO THE SHIP?
DAMMIT! I'LL MAKE YOU EAT IT!
EEK!
STAY BACK, IDIOT!

MAN... PEOPLE...
HA HA
THEY SURE DO CHANGE...
YEAH!
TIME SURE FLIES.
JOHN STARTED DUAL WIELDING, WHAT, FIVE YEARS AGO?
HE CAN'T USE A SINGLE SWORD TO SAVE HIS LIFE, BUT WHEN HE HAS TWO, HE'S A DEMON.
HE'S PROBABLY THE RED SKELL'S BEST FIGHTER NOW.
I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT IF YOU TOLD ME BACK THEN.

YEAH, JOHN'S DEVELOPED COURAGE AND DECISIVENESS MUCH MORE BEFITTING A PIRATE THAN RAG.
SPEAKING OF UNBELIEVABLE THINGS...
AND EVER SINCE HE CONFESSED HOW HE FEELS TO THE YOUNG MISTRESS, THEY'VE BEEN CLOSER THAN EVER.
RAG MUST'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE IT... SINCE HE LEFT OUR SHIP THREE YEARS AGO...
IT SEEMS HE READ ABOUT IT IN A BOOK AND THERE WAS NOTHING THE CAPTAIN COULD SAY TO DISSUADE HIM.
THAT'S NOT IT. HE KEPT SPOUTING OFF SOMETHING ABOUT "OLDBLOOD" BEFORE HE LEFT.
LAST I HEARD, HE'S BECOME A HERMIT, LIVING IN A HUT ON SOME MOUNTAIN.

JUST LIKE THE LAST GENERATION.
WELL, ENOUGH ABOUT THAT, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THESE TWO GET MARRIED AND BECOME A PIRATE POWER COUPLE!
THIEVES!?
CAPTAIN! THERE'S A SHIP STARBOARD SIDE!
READY ALL THE STARBOARD SIDE GUN-PORTS.
OHO...
FIIIRE!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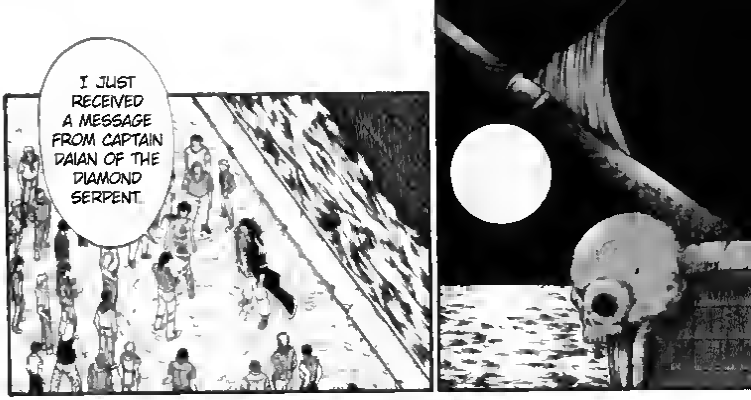
HE'S GOING TO BECOME A WORTHY RIVAL OF YOURS SOMEDAY.
JOHN, REMEMBER THAT MAN.
IF YOU WANNA BECOME THE REAL DEAL, YOU CAN'T STAY HERE.
YOU GOTTA GET YOUR OWN SHIP.
ALTHOUGH, I THINK LAYLA'S QUITE TAKEN WITH YOU.
BUT I GOTTA KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY.
I KNOW THERE'S BEEN RUMORS GOING AROUND THAT I'M GOING TO PASS ON THE RED SKELL TO YOU...

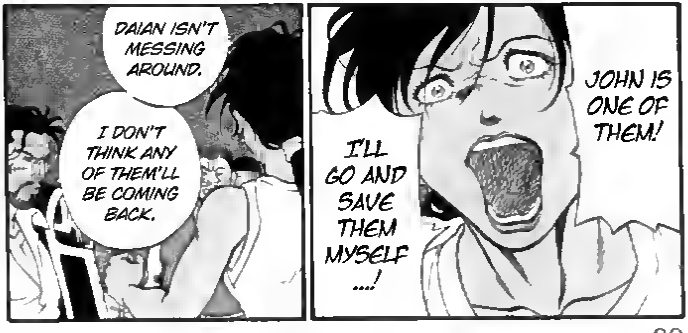
WHY'D YOU CALL ME OUT HERE...?
LAYLA... I'VE ALWAYS...
STOP, JOHN.
YOU ONLY SAID THAT WHEN WE WERE KIDS BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE TO RAG.
NO! I MEAN IT!
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, LAYLA!
I'M SORRY ...
WE SPENT SO MUCH TIME TOGETHER AS CHILDREN, I CAN ONLY SEE YOU AS A BROTHER... I'M SURE WHAT YOU'RE FEELING IS THE SAME THING.

JOHN...
I JUST DON'T FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU.
LAYLA!!
SO YOU'VE LOVED RAG ALL ALONG!?
I'M SORRY ...
.....
Months later...


I JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN DAIAN OF THE DIAMOND SERPENT.

IF WE SURRENDER THE RIGHTS TO INOGASWEEDA TO HIM...
HE SAID HE'LL RELEASE OUR MEN...

WHAT ABOUT ALL OF OUR MEN WHO'VE BEEN CAPTURED!?
WAIT, DADDY!
BUT WE CAN'T SURRENDER THE TOWN...


DAIAN ISN'T MESSING AROUND.
I DON'T THINK ANY OF THEM'LL BE COMING BACK.
JOHN IS ONE OF THEM!
I'LL GO AND SAVE THEM MYSELF ...!

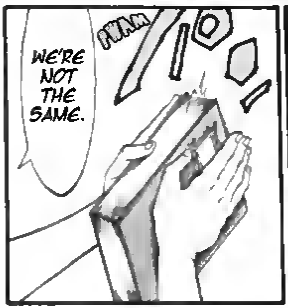
I THOUGHT WE WOULD BE TOGETHER FOREVER...
I THOUGHT I'D ALWAYS BE ABLE TO SEE HIS SMILE...
JOHN IS... DEAD?
IT CAN'T BE...
CAPTAIN, THERE'S A SINGLE ROWBOAT APPROACHING..
!?
IT'S JOHN
JOOOOOHN!!
IT'S JOHN!! HE'S BROUGHT OUR MEN BACK SAFE AND SOUND!!

おおおお
"OOOOHHH!"

THE WEDDING WAS HALF A YEAR AGO.

I'M JOHN SPARD NOW.

NOW, IF YOU HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO SAY, PLEASE LEAVE. I'M BUSY
MARRIED, HUH? CONGRATULATIONS.


WE'RE NOT THE SAME.
HMM

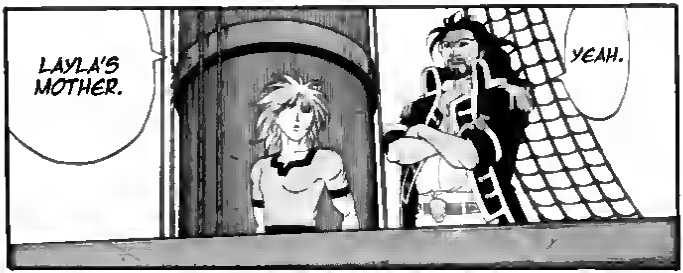
YEAH! WE'RE BOTH CHASING AFTER THE FALCON LEGACY, AFTER ALL.
HOW ABOUT GETTING OUT OF THIS STUFFY CABIN? YOU CAN JOIN OUR CREW AND~

WHAT I'M AFTER IS THE TRUE FALCON LEGACY.
WHAT YOU'RE CHASING ARE THE TREASURES THE FALCON LEFT BEHIND.
THE REVIVAL OF AN ANCIENT PEOPLE.
YOUNG MISTRESS! THE CAPTAIN WANTS TO SEE YOU.
RAG'S BECOMING MORE AND MORE ANTI-SOCIAL.
JUST LEAVE HIM BE.

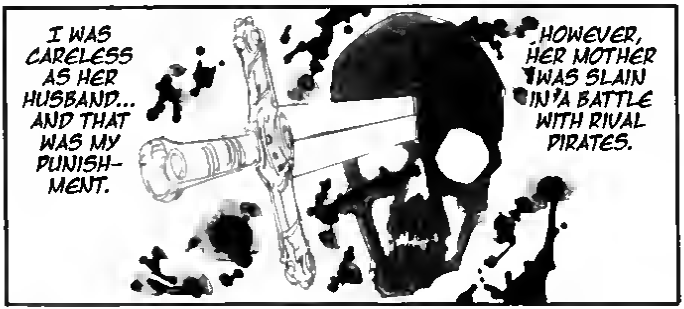
THOSE ARE MY ORDERS.
...HUH?
JOHN WILL INHERIT COMMAND OF THE RED SKELL.
YOU ARE TO RETIRE.
RED'S

Chapter 143 Pregnancy

THIS IS THE THIRD TRIP...
SINCE THE YOUNG MISTRESS LEFT THE CREW.
YUP.
IT JUST AIN'T THE SAME WITHOUT HER...
YOUR...
WIFE?

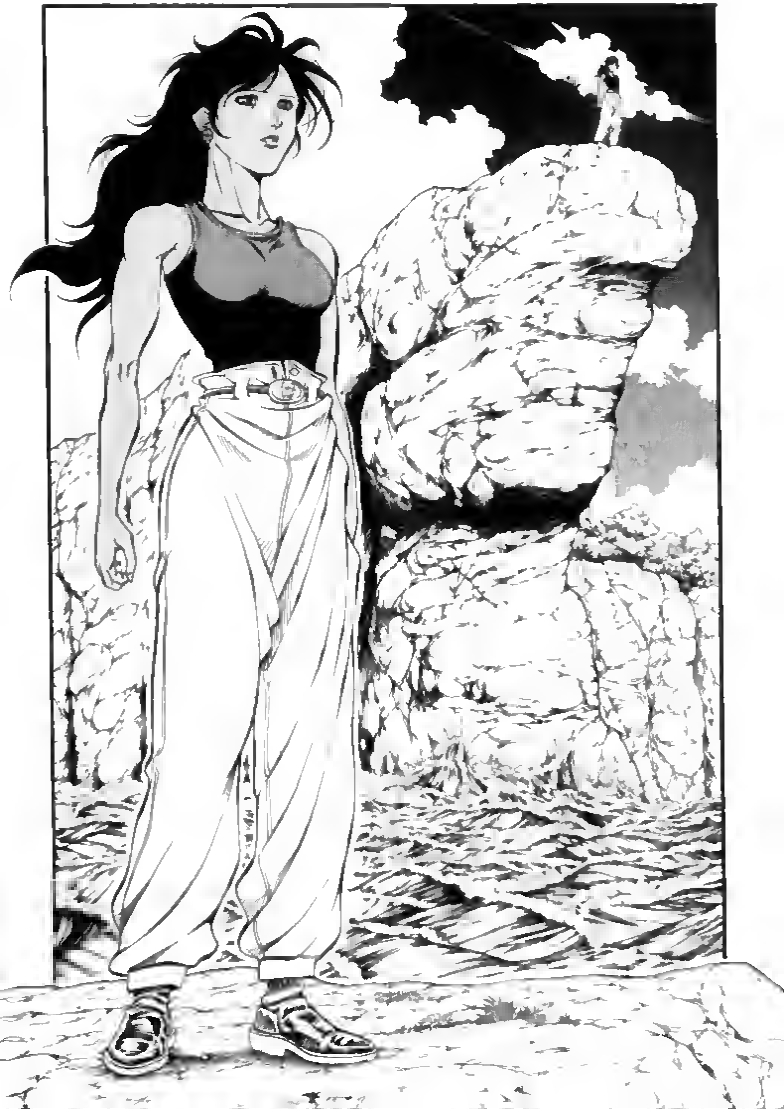

LAYLA'S MOTHER.
YEAH.

RED SKELL
AFTER LAYLA WAS BORN, WE ENTRUSTED HER TO A NANNY AND CONTINUED ROAMING THE SEAS TOGETHER.
WE, AS HUSBAND AND WIFE, HAD A SHARED COMMAND OF THE RED SKELL.


I WAS CARELESS AS HER HUSBAND... AND THAT WAS MY PUNISH-MENT.
HOWEVER, HER MOTHER WAS SLAIN IN A BATTLE WITH RIVAL PIRATES.

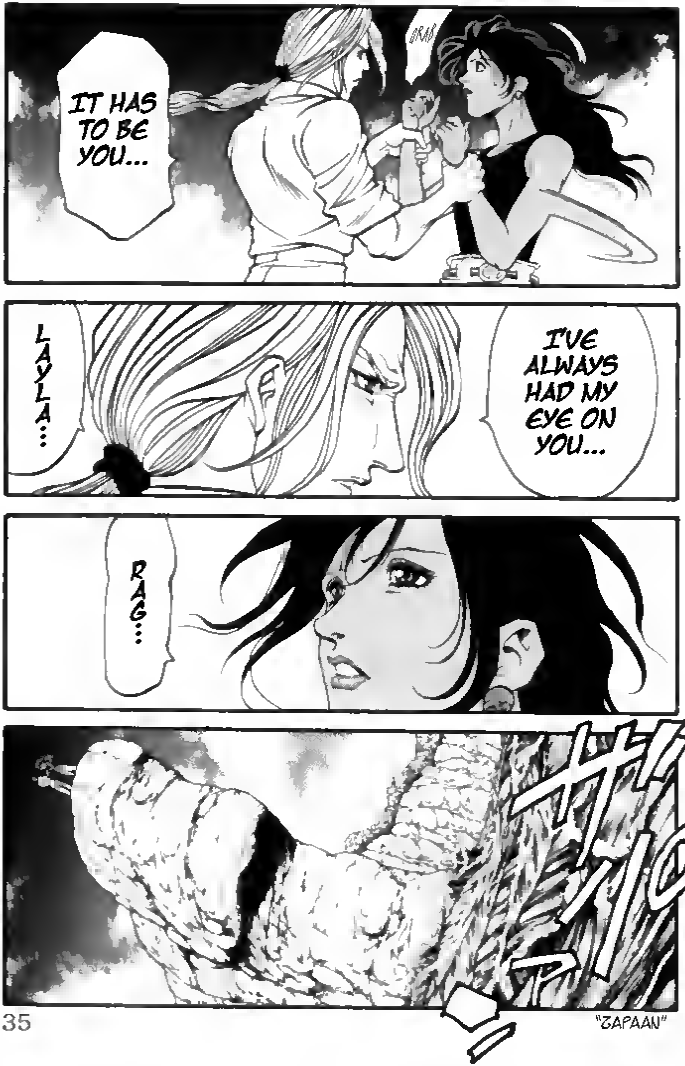
I DON'T WANT YOU TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE.
SO I FORBID LAYLA FROM COMING OUT TO SEA WITH US ANY MORE...
JOHN... I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME:
ONCE YOU BECOME CAPTAIN, THAT YOU'LL NEVER TAKE LAYLA OUT TO SEA WITH YOU...
SHE'S A WOMAN. SOON, SHE'LL FORGET HER LOVE OF THE SEA.
ONCE SHE HAS A CHILD, SHE'LL REALIZE WHAT A WOMAN'S TRUE JOY IS.

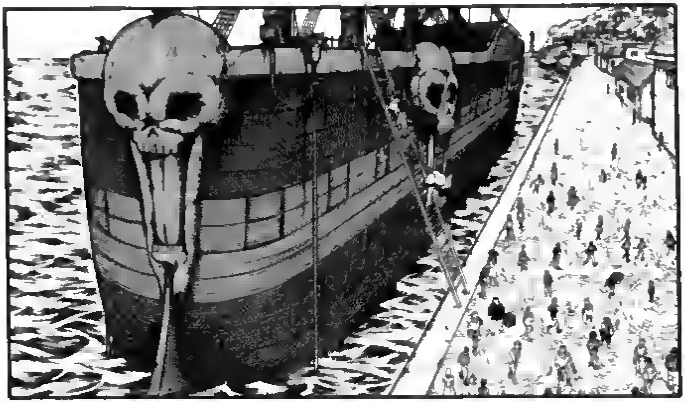
SO YOU BETTER GIVE HER LOTS OF LOVIN' WHEN YOU'RE ON LAND! THAT'S A HUSBAND'S DUTY!
(SWAP)
REDSKELE
JOHN! YOU BETTER GIVE ME SOME GRANDKIDS SOON!
"GWAAHAHAHAHA"
HEEEY, YOU OKAY DOWN THERE?
CAPTAIN...
YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR OWN STRENGTH!
SPLASH!
PEEYEW
JOHN?
HUH?
TO FORGET THE SEA...
...A WOMAN'S ...TRUE JOY...



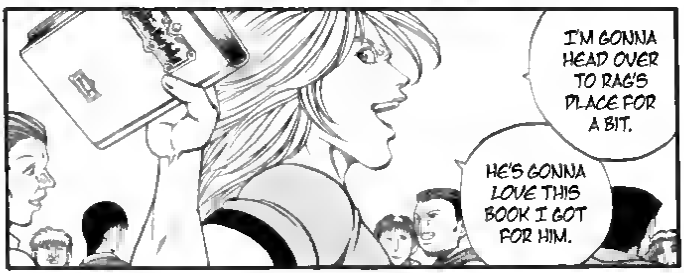
RAG...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'VE...
ALWAYS STOOD HERE...
WAITING FOR MY MOM AND DAD TO COME BACK HOME.
BUT ONE DAY MOM DIDN'T COME BACK...
AND A DAY WILL COME WHEN DADDY WON'T COME BACK EITHER. BUT NOW...
NOW YOU'RE WAITING...
FOR JOHN TO COME BACK... RIGHT?

AND THEIR WOMEN JUST SIT AT HOME AND WORRY ABOUT THEM.
I CAN'T LIVE THAT WAY.
MEN SEE ONLY THE HIGH SEA AND THE ADVENTURES BEFORE THEM.
...MAYBE YOU MADE THE WRONG CHOICE.
WHO SAYS YOU HAVE TO?
OH, I UNDER-STAND...
YOU'D UNDER-STAND!
MAYBE IF YOU CAME OUT FROM YOUR CABIN ONCE IN A WHILE...

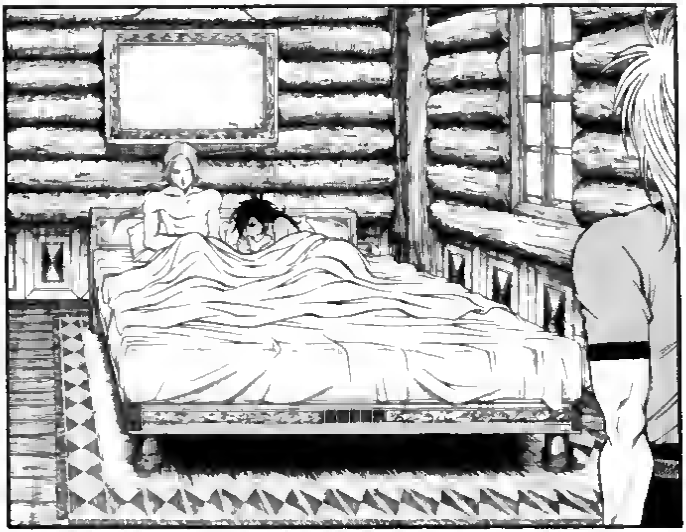

IT HAS TO BE YOU...
I'VE ALWAYS HAD MY EYE ON YOU...
LAYLA...
RAG...
"ZAPAAN"



GEEZ, WHY DIDN'T THAT GIRL COME TO GREET US?


I'M GONNA HEAD OVER TO RAG'S PLACE FOR A BIT.
HE'S GONNA LOVE THIS BOOK I GOT FOR HIM.

?
A GIRL?
NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE.
HEHEHE, GUESS HE'S STILL A RED-BLOODED MALE!
RAG'S GIRL-FRIEND?
RAG... I BROUGHT YOU A NEW BOOK.
...? YOU HOME...?



WHAAAA AAAAT!?
YOU FINALLY DID IT!!
YOU'RE PREGNANT!? REALLY!?
.....?
YOU KNEW!?

I JUST WASN'T ABLE TO HOLD ON TO LAYLA'S LOVE...
YEAH... IT WAS ALL MY FAULT.
AND YOU WERE STILL ABLE TO GO OUT TO SEA?
NO... LAYLA HAS ALWAYS LOVED RAG... SHE NEVER ACTUALY LOVED ME...
ARE THEY.. TOGETHER NOW?
RAG HAS TAKEN THE SURNAME ROGUE... SO THE CHILD WILL NOT BE BORN A SPARD...
HE WON'T INHERIT THE RED SKELL... AND NOW THAT YOU'RE NOT MARRIED TO HER...
I HAVEN'T DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT...
I'LL GIVE HIM MY BLESS ING
DO IT
LAYLA WILL BE YOUR SUCCES-SOR?
WHAT ABOUT ALL THAT CRAP ABOUT A WOMAN'S TRUE JOY?

AFTER THAT, I'M LEAVING TOWN...
AND BREAKING ALL TIES WITH THE RED SKELL.
I WANT TO SEE THEM GET MARRIED... THAT WAY I WON'T HAVE ANY MORE DOUBTS.
JOHN!
...I'M SORRY...
THERE'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO TELL YOU, CAPTAIN. IT'S ABOUT RAG...
I KNOW RAG AND THE YOUNG MISTRESS ARE ABOUT TO GET MARRIED. HOWEVER...
THAT I SHOULD GET MY OWN SHIP...
IT'S OKAY. A CERTAIN DAD OF MINE ONCE TOLD ME...
SO DON'T GET YOURSELF DOWN, OLD MAN.
I ALREADY KNOW SOMEONE WHO'D BE WILLING TO GIVE ME ONE ANYWAY.

SO TELL ME THIS, THEN, RAG!!
WHO'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU!? LAYLA OR THE OTHER WOMAN!?
"HOOOO" (FIERCE WIND)
IT'S TRUE.
SHE ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO'S PREGNANT WITH MY CHILD...
...NOW THAT'S A TOUGH ONE.
THE CAPTAIN OF A BAND OF PIRATES WHO WILL CHASE AFTER THE FALCON LEGACY?
OR A WOMAN WITH THE BLOOD OF THE FALCON RUNNING THROUGH HER VEINS?
HMM, WHICH ONE SHOULD I WASH MY HANDS OF?

YOU DID ALL THIS FOR THE FALCON LEGACY...!?
MY DAUGH-TER...
RAG... YOU...
I'LL SEND YOU TO HELL!!
SLASH
...DAD, DON'T DO IT...
JOHN!!
QUICK!
JOHN! TOSS ME YOUR SWORD!

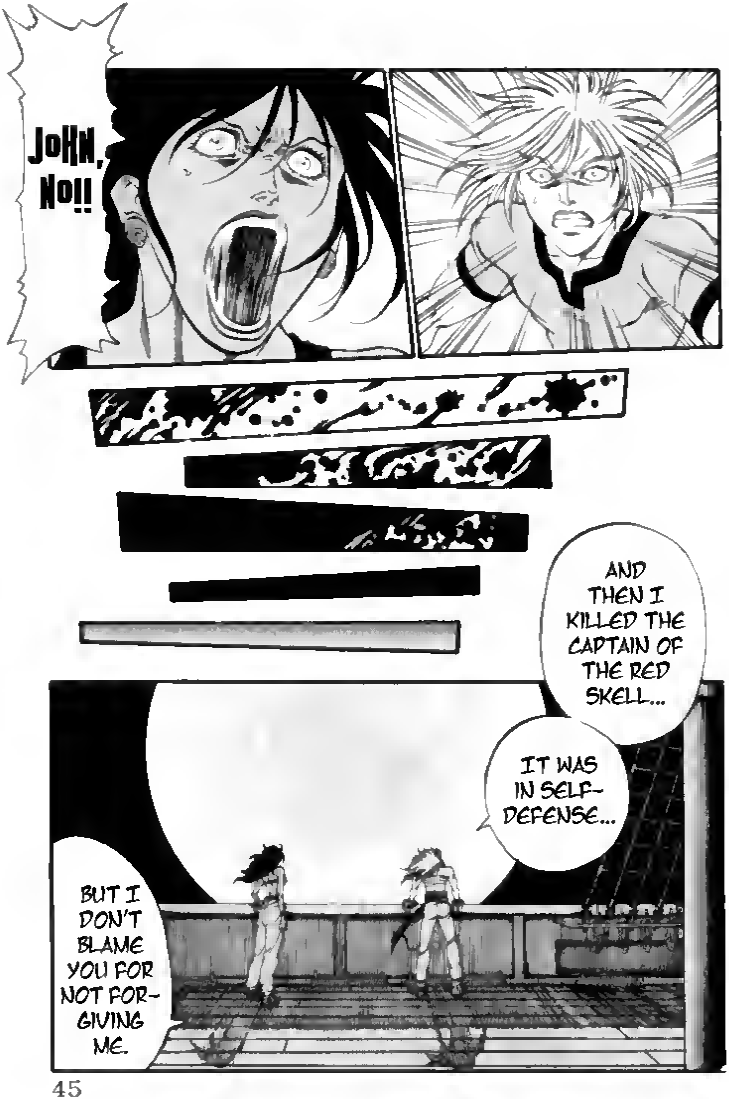
GRRRR

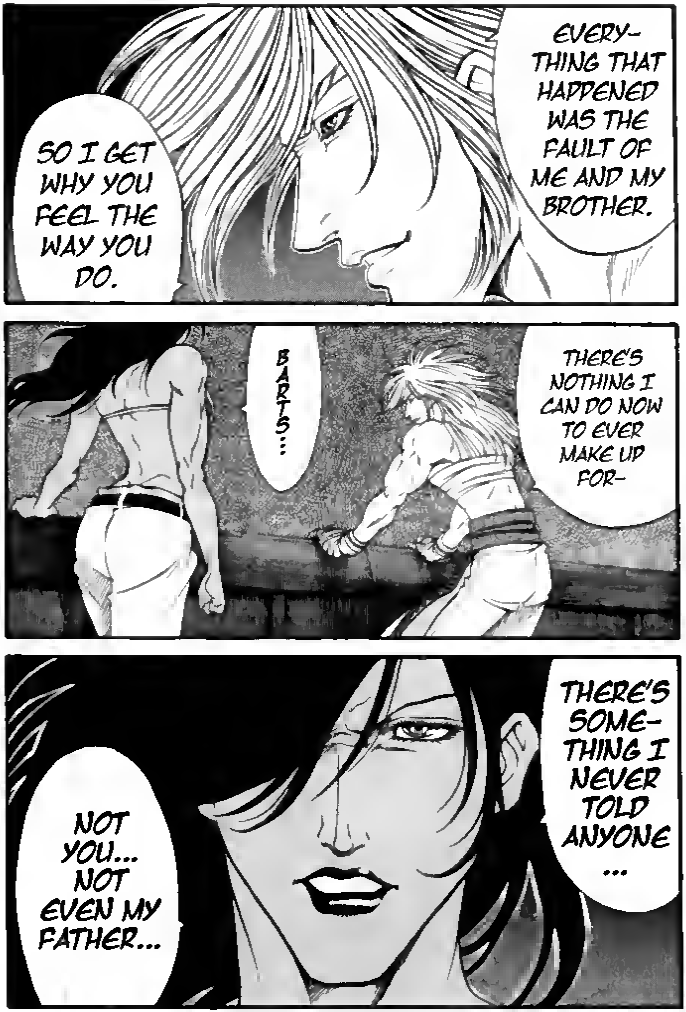
ZABAN

MY DAUGHTER... SHE WOULD HAVE NEVER SUFFERED SUCH HUMILIATION, SUCH DISGRACE .. IF SHE HAD NEVER MET THE TWO OF YOU...

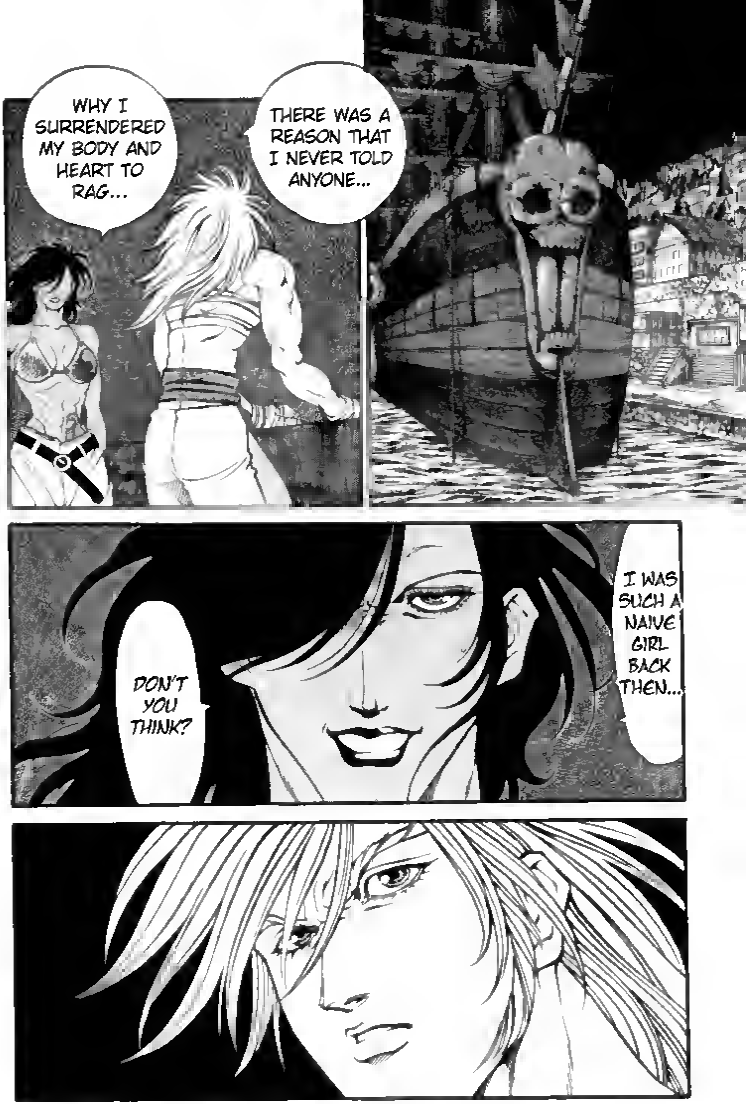
I SHOULD'VE KILLED YOU AND YOUR BROTHER THE DAY I MET YOU!!

NO, DADDY...


JOHN, NO!!
AND THEN I KILLED THE CAPTAIN OF THE RED SKELL...
IT WAS IN SELF-DEFENSE...
BUT I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR NOT FORGIVING ME.


EVERY-THING THAT HAPPENED WAS THE FAULT OF ME AND MY BROTHER.
SO I GET WHY YOU FEEL THE WAY YOU DO.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO NOW TO EVER MAKE UP FOR-
BARTS...
THERE'S SOME-THING I NEVER TOLD ANYONE ...
NOT YOU... NOT EVEN MY FATHER...

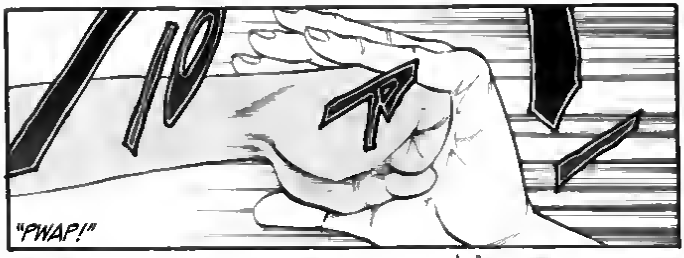
Chapter 144 ❖ Settle


WHY I SURRENDERED MY BODY AND HEART TO RAG...
THERE WAS A REASON THAT I NEVER TOLD ANYONE...
I WAS SUCH A NAIVE GIRL BACK THEN...
DON'T YOU THINK?

I'VE ALWAYS HAD MY EYE ON YOU, LAYLA...
IT HAS TO BE YOU...
RAG...

LET GO OF ME!!
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A QUICK LAY, LOOK ELSEWHERE!
I'M NOT SOME CHEAP WHORE!
YOU THINK A CHEESY LINE LIKE THAT WILL WIN ME OVER...?
IT CAN'T BE ANYONE ELSE.

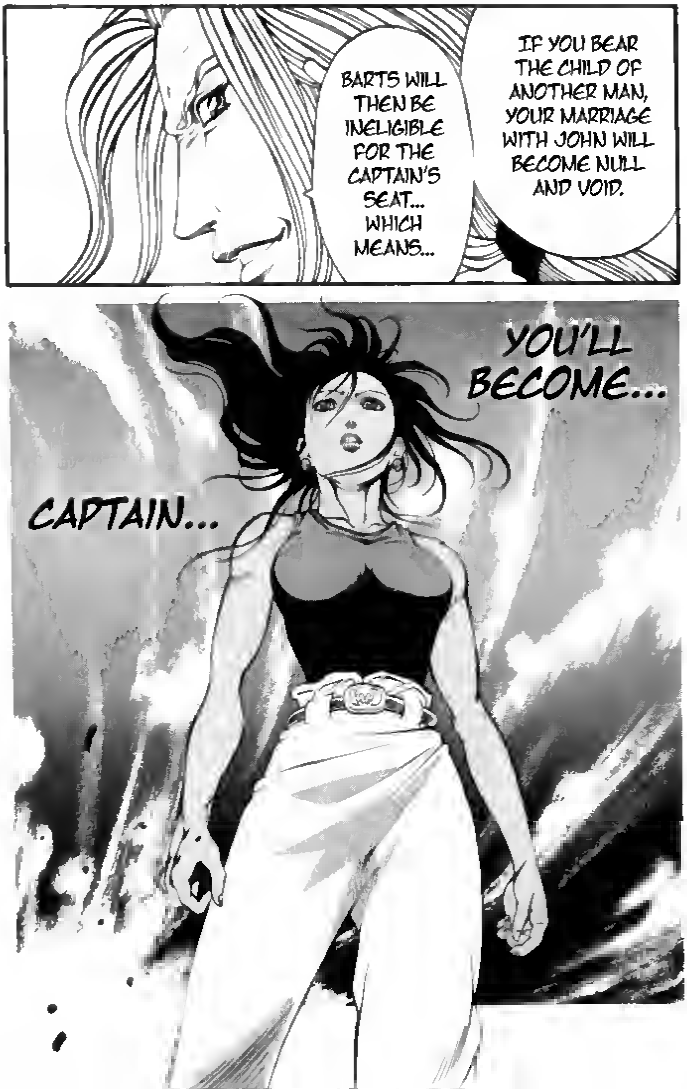
WHA-
BEAR MY CHILD.
YOU MUST...
YOU MAY HAVE THAT FILTHY PIRATE BLOOD IN YOU, BUT YOU ARE A WORTHY SPECIMEN . I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS
...SH-...
SHUT YOUR DAMN MOUTH! WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR...?
THERE ARE MANY DESCENDANTS OF THE FALCON LIVING AMONG HUMANS TODAY, BUT THE QUESTION IS: CAN THE ANCIENT BLOOD OF THE FALCON BE REVIVED ?
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SAY...!?
I'M WILLING TO SETTLE.
BUT NOT JUST ANY WOMAN WILL DO...

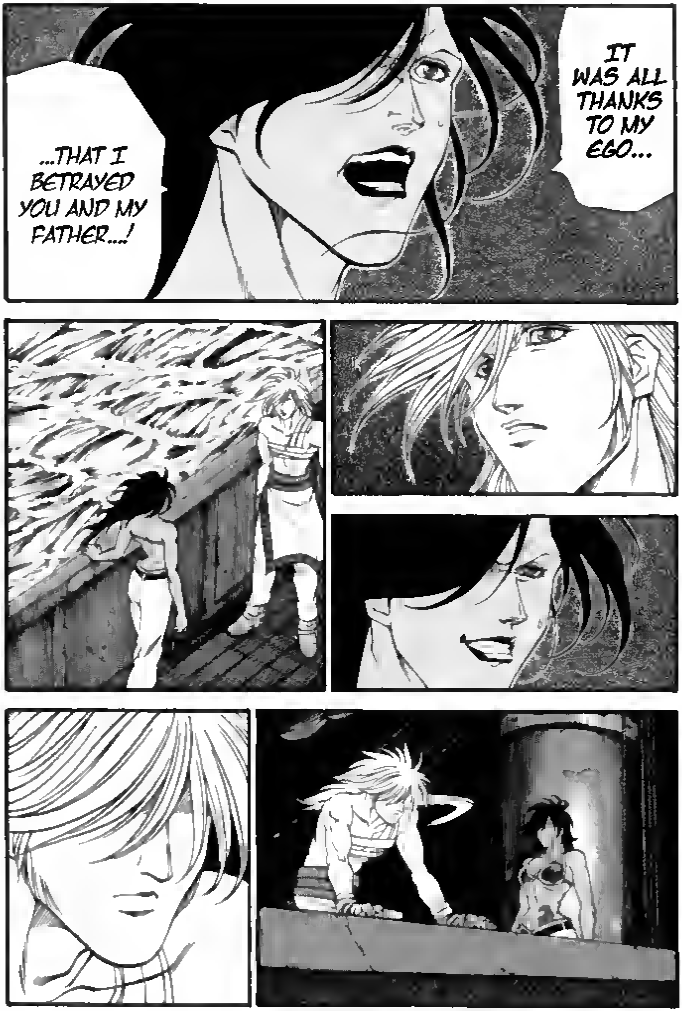

"PWAP!"

SQUEEZE

IT'S TRUE, YOU KNOW. I REALLY DID ALWAYS HAVE MY EYE ON YOU...

YOU'RE THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS.
AND WHAT YOU REALLY WANT ISN'T JOHN.
WHAT YOU REALLY WANT...
IS TO BECOME CAPTAIN OF THE RED SKELL... AM I RIGHT?
BUT IF YOU TOLD YOUR FATHER, HE'D NEVER ALLOW IT.
SO I HAVE A PLAN WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO BOTH GET WHAT WE WANT.

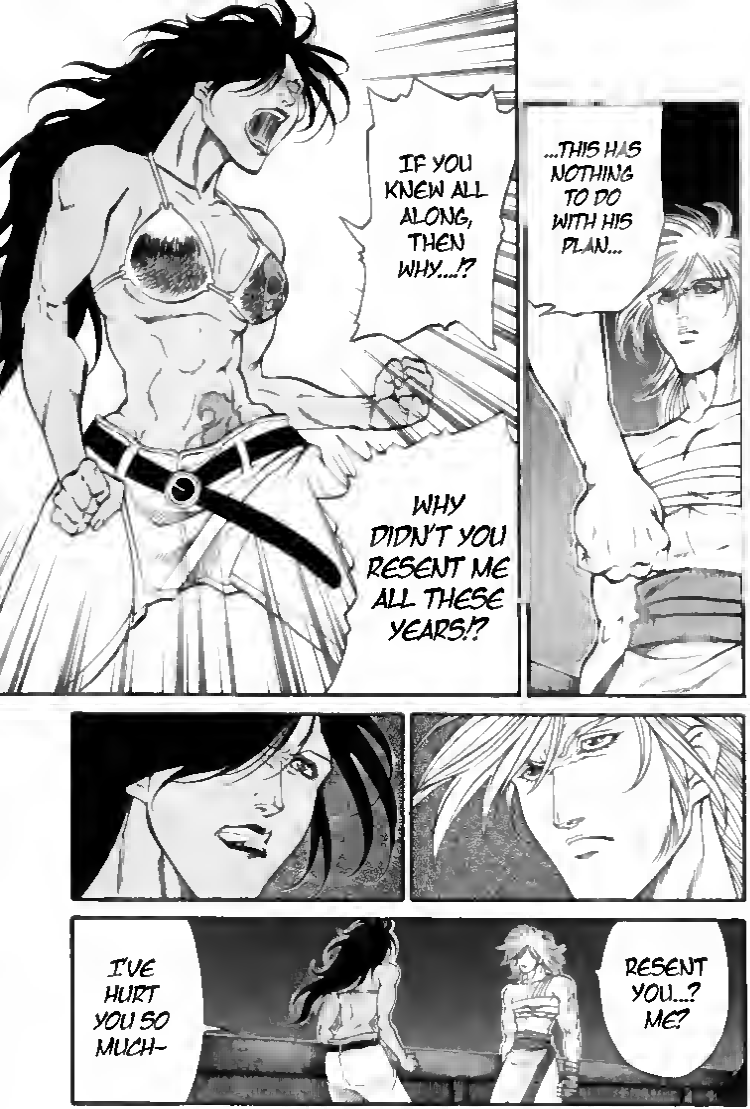

IF YOU BEAR THE CHILD OF ANOTHER MAN, YOUR MARRIAGE WITH JOHN WILL BECOME NULL AND VOID.
BARTS WILL THEN BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE CAPTAIN'S SEAT... WHICH MEANS...
YOU'LL BECOME...
CAPTAIN...

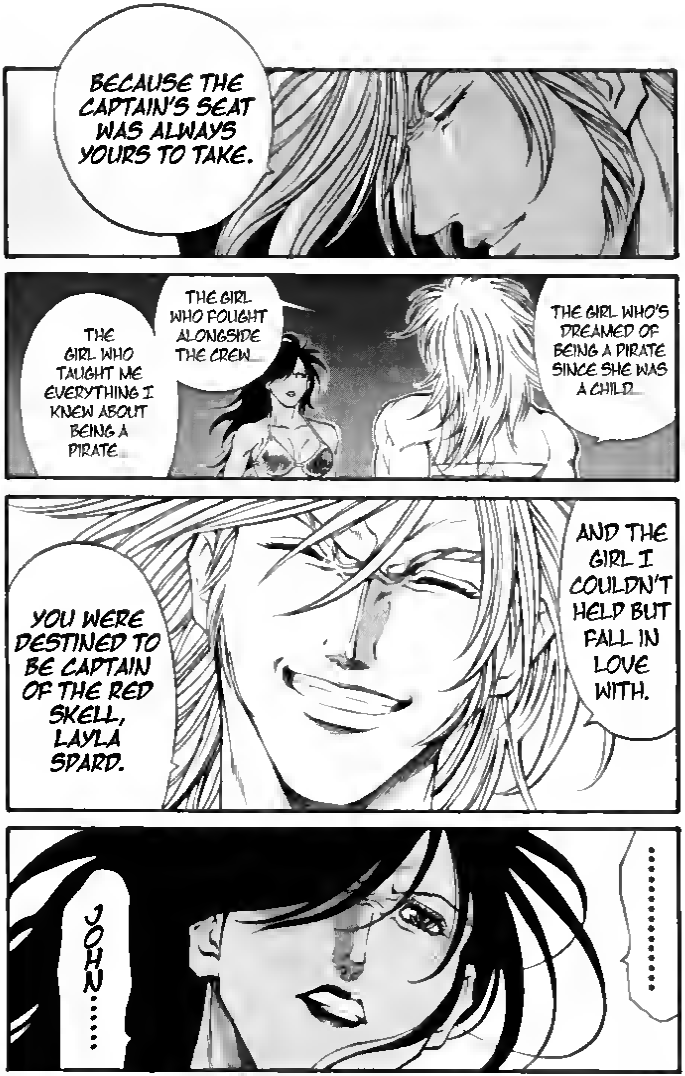

IT WAS ALL THANKS TO MY EGO...
...THAT I BETRAYED YOU AND MY FATHER...!

I KNEW THAT.
AFTER I LEFT THE BAR WITH YOUR FATHER, RAG TOLD ME HIMSELF.
BUT... I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HIS PLAN FOR REVIVING THE OLDBLOOD.
IT WAS JUST A BUSINESS TRANSACTION.

ISN'T THE TYPE TO BE MANIPULATED SO EASILY.
LAYLA... AS YOU KNOW...
YOU MEAN MY PLAN?
...WHAT'S YOUR GAME?
AND MAKE NO MISTAKE. IT WAS LAYLA WHO BETRAYED YOU. ALL I DID WAS KEEP HER INTENTIONS FROM HER FATHER.
AFTER I LEFT THE RED SKELL, THERE WAS NOTHING STANDING BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU.
AS LONG AS I DID THAT, SHE WOULD BE INDEBTED TO ME FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.

I PLAN TO MAKE BOTH HER AND HER FILTHY RED SKELL PIRATES MY MINIONS.
FETCHING INFORMATION ON THE FALCON FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR ME LIKE THE LOYAL MUTTS THEY ARE.
ONCE YOU KNOW A PERSON'S GREATEST DESIRE...
PEOPLE BECOME EASY TO PREDICT... AND EVEN EASIER TO MANIPULATE.
YOU ARE A GREAT BROTHER.
THANKS FOR BEING SO USEFUL TO ME, YOU NAIVE AND PATHETIC FOOL.


IF YOU KNEW ALL ALONG, THEN WHY....!?
WHY DIDN'T YOU RESENT ME ALL THESE YEARS!?
...THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS PLAN...
I'VE HURT YOU SO MUCH-
RESENT YOU...? ME?


BECAUSE THE CAPTAIN'S SEAT WAS ALWAYS YOURS TO TAKE.
THE GIRL WHO'S DREAMED OF BEING A PIRATE SINCE SHE WAS A CHILD...
THE GIRL WHO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE CREW...
THE GIRL WHO TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING I KNEW ABOUT BEING A PIRATE...
AND THE GIRL I COULDN'T HELP BUT FALL IN LOVE WITH.
YOU WERE DESTINED TO BE CAPTAIN OF THE RED SKELL, LAYLA SPARD.
.....
JOHN.....

DADDY'S... MY FATHER'S LAST WORDS...
DO YOU REMEMBER THEM?
...SEE? THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO SAY...
IT SEEMS... I COULDN'T FIND IT AFTER ALL...
THE LEGEND OF THE FALCON... WAS JUST A SHADOW, BEYOND MY REACH...
NO... MAYBE IT NEVER EXISTED.. AND I WAS JUST CHASING AN ILLUSION MY WHOLE LIFE...
MAYBE DAIAN WAS RIGHT... IT WAS JUST AN OLD WIVES' TALE...

I WISH I COULD HAVE GONE...
SO THIS IS IT FOR ME...
TO THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...
TO OUR HOLY LAND ...
WITH GRAFF...
AND ALSO WHY I DEDICATED MY LIFE TO CHASING AFTER IT...
HIS LAST WORDS ARE WHY YOU HATE THE FALCON LEGEND SO MUCH...

HE DIDN'T GET TO CROSS THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD BECAUSE OF ME...
MY FATHER'S DEATH WAS CAUSED BY MY BETRAYAL.
SO THERE'S SOMEONE IN THIS TOWN WHO'S MADE IT BACK ALIVE...
THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...
FATHER'S DREAMS. FATHER'S REGRETS. I'LL BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THEM BOTH.
IF HIS CLAIMS ARE TRUE...
THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...
CAPTAIN! WE'VE DISCOVERED WHERE HE'S HOLED UP!

I JUST THOUGHT I OWED YOU AN EXPLA-NATION...
THAT'S THE REASON I'M CHASING AFTER THE FALCON LEGEND NOW... THE REASON I'M PREPARED TO DIE FOR IT...
AND NOW YOU KNOW WHY I WON'T STOP UNTIL I VINDICATE MY FATHER'S DEATH...

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Chapter 145
Leading

SO THE MAN WHO'S BEEN THROUGH THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD AND KNOWS THE LOCATION OF RAINBOW TOWN IS HOLED-UP IN THIS CAVE...?
WELL, IT'S NOT COMPLETELY CONFIRMED...
AND WE'VE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED THE TOWN. THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE LEFT
BUT THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAVE SIGHTED SOMEONE GOING IN AND OUT..
WHY WOULD SOMEONE HIDE OUT IN A DANK CAVE? ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
YEAH, WOULDN'T THIS GUY BE A HERO FOR CROSSING THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD? IT'S WEIRD, I TELL YA.
.....HEY...

POINT
WHY THE HELL ARE THESE TWO HERE!?
IT'S A NICE DAY OUT
POINT
NICE AND WARM
THERE A PROBLEM?
THEN KILL 'EM.
OF COURSE THERE IS! WE SPENT TWO WEEKS LOOKING FOR THIS PLACE!
WE BUST OUR ASSES LOOKING FOR THIS GUY AND THEY JUST GET TO SWOOP IN AND GET THE GOOD PART!
K-KILL THEM...?

SHING
AYE!
NO WAY!
HUH?
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, BUT I CAN'T KILL UNARMED MEN WHO ARE BEGGING FOR THEIR LIFE.
I DON'T WANNA DIEEEE!
WAHHHHH, DON'T KILL USSSS!
HE SAYS THAT EVEN THOUGH HE USED TO BEAT ME WHEN HE GOT DRUNK WITH HIS FUNNY FACE!
WOWWWW! HE'S SO GOOOOOL! EVEN THOUGH HE HAS A FUNNY FACE!
SNICKER
OOO, LOOK AT ME! I'M A MAN OF HONOR. I DON'T PICK ON THE WEAK.
LET'S GO.
PLEASE CALM DOWN
THOSE GUYS PISS ME OFF SO MUCH
WHAT KIND OF MEN SKIP AWAY...?
TAKOU TAKOU
SKIP SKIP
SKIP SKIP

!?
MOM!

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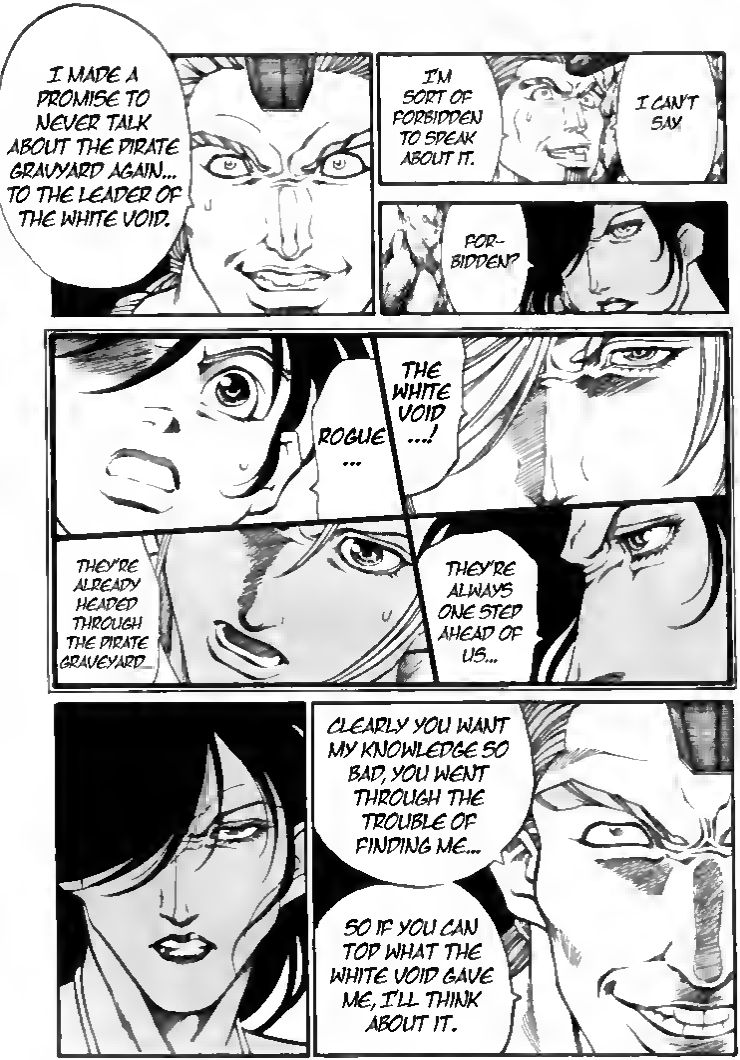
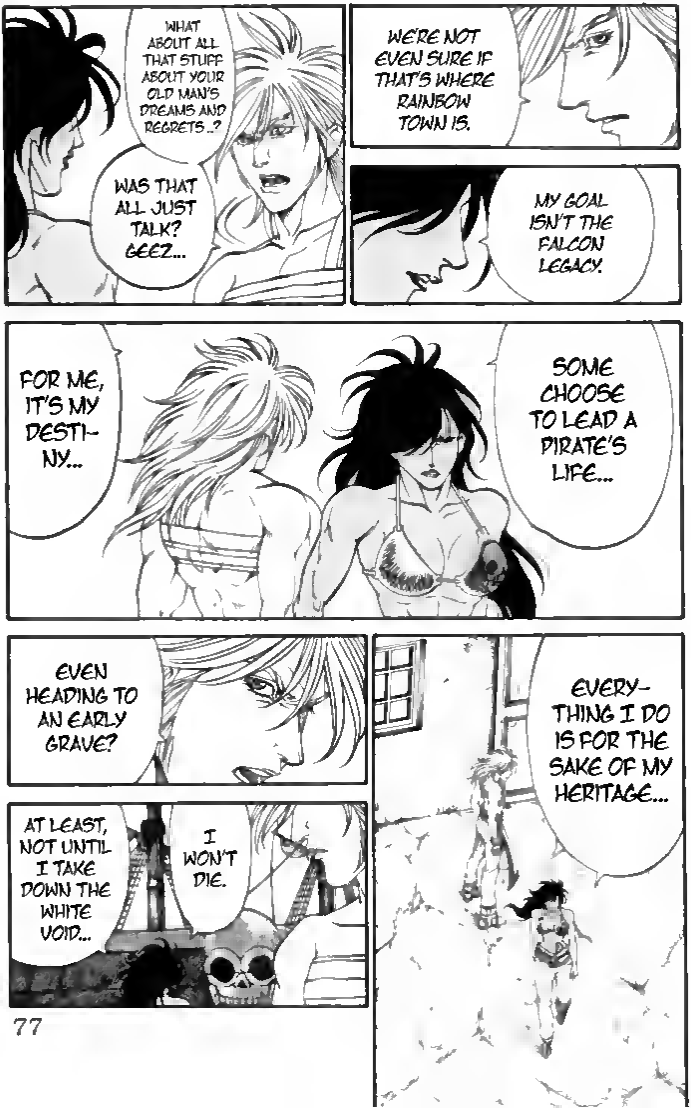
ARE YOU THE MAN WHO'S BEEN THROUGH THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...?
I'VE GOT QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
NO CAN DO...
...TAKE A LOOK.
T-TREA-SURE!
IS THAT FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...!?

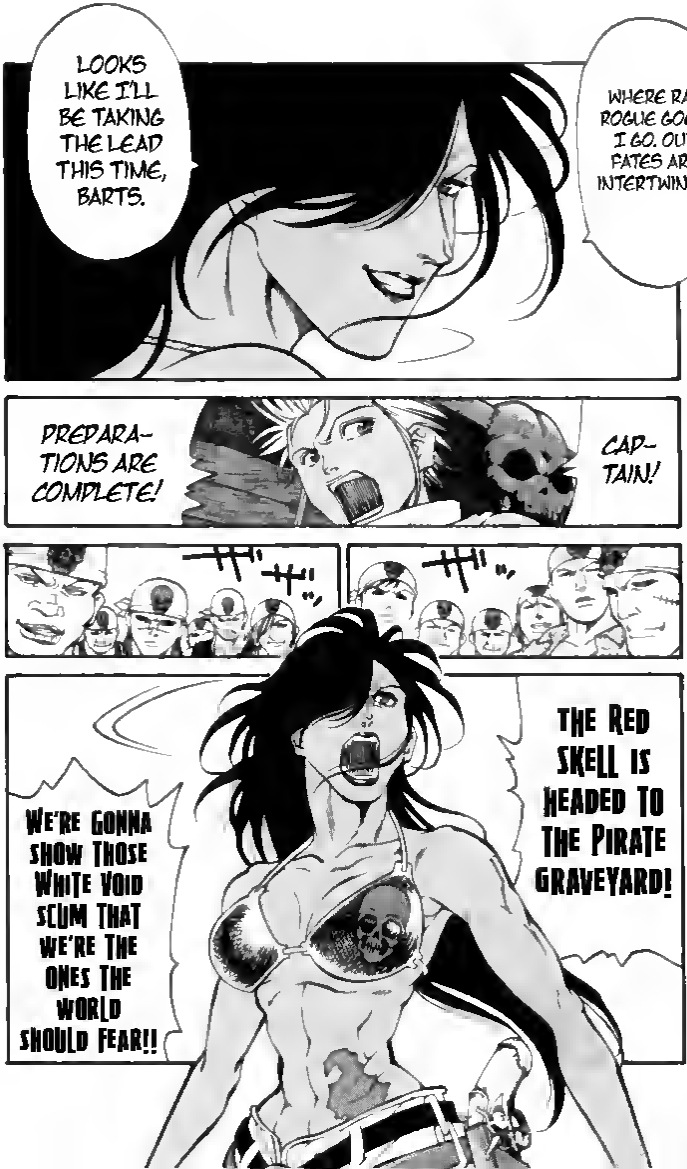

I MADE A PROMISE TO NEVER TALK ABOUT THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD AGAIN... TO THE LEADER OF THE WHITE VOID.
I'M SORT OF FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK ABOUT IT.
I CAN'T SAY
FOR-BIDDEN?
ROGUE ...
THE WHITE VOID ...!
THEY'RE ALREADY HEADED THROUGH THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD
THEY'RE ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF US...
CLEARLY YOU WANT MY KNOWLEDGE SO BAD, YOU WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF FINDING ME...
SO IF YOU CAN TOP WHAT THE WHITE VOID GAVE ME, I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

HEY! YOU LISTENIN' TO ME!?
50,000 ZELL! THAT SHOULD DO IT!
WE'RE DONE HERE.
HUH?
...H-HEY, WAIT UP!
CHANG
EEK!
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO MAKE IT SO YOU REALLY CAN'T TALK?
THE ONLY REASON THE WHITE VOID COULD HAVE FOR LETTING YOU LIVE IS TO FEED US FALSE INFORMATION...

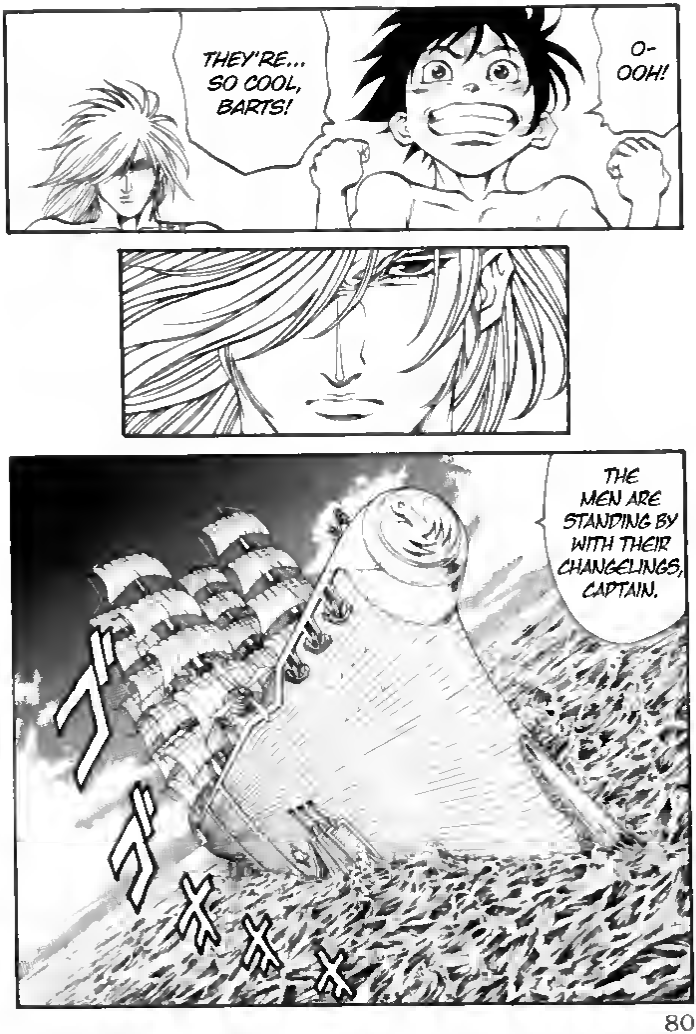
THE WHITE VOID WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF BUYING HIS SILENCE...
CAPTAIN!
CAPTAIN! MAYBE IF WE PUT THE SCREWS ON HIM WE COULD GET SOME ACTUAL INFORMATION OUT OF HIM!
SO THEN THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING BIG IN THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...!
EVEN IF WE CAN'T TRUST A WORD HE SAYS, WHATEVER THE INFORMATION WAS, IT MUST'VE BEEN RELIABLE.

RED SKELL!!
PREPARE TO SET SAIL!
HAVE WE DOUBLE-CHECKED OUR FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES?
NOT YET.
I'M ON IT.
CAPELL IS AMAZING...
SO THE WHITE VOID HAVE ALREADY FINISHED REPAIRS ON THEIR SHIP AND ARE HEADING TO THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD...
SO... WHAT'S THE HURRY?


WHAT ABOUT ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT YOUR OLD MAN'S DREAMS AND REGRETS..?
WAS THAT ALL JUST TALK? GEEZ...
WE'RE NOT EVEN SURE IF THAT'S WHERE RAINBOW TOWN IS.
MY GOAL ISN'T THE FALCON LEGACY.
FOR ME, IT'S MY DESTI-NY...
SOME CHOOSE TO LEAD A PIRATE'S LIFE...
EVEN HEADING TO AN EARLY GRAVE?
AT LEAST, NOT UNTIL I TAKE DOWN THE WHITE VOID...
I WON'T DIE.
EVERY-THING I DO IS FOR THE SAKE OF MY HERITAGE...


LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE TAKING THE LEAD THIS TIME, BARTS.
WHERE RAG ROGUE GOES, I GO. OUR FATES ARE INTERTWINED.
PREPARA-TIONS ARE COMPLETE!
CAP-TAIN!
THE RED SKELL IS HEADED TO THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD!
WE'RE GONNA SHOW THOSE WHITE VOID SCUM THAT WE'RE THE ONES THE WORLD SHOULD FEAR!!

"OOOOOOOH!"
LET'S SET SAIL!!


THEY'RE... SO COOL, BARTS!
O-OOH!
THE MEN ARE STANDING BY WITH THEIR CHANGELINGS, CAPTAIN.
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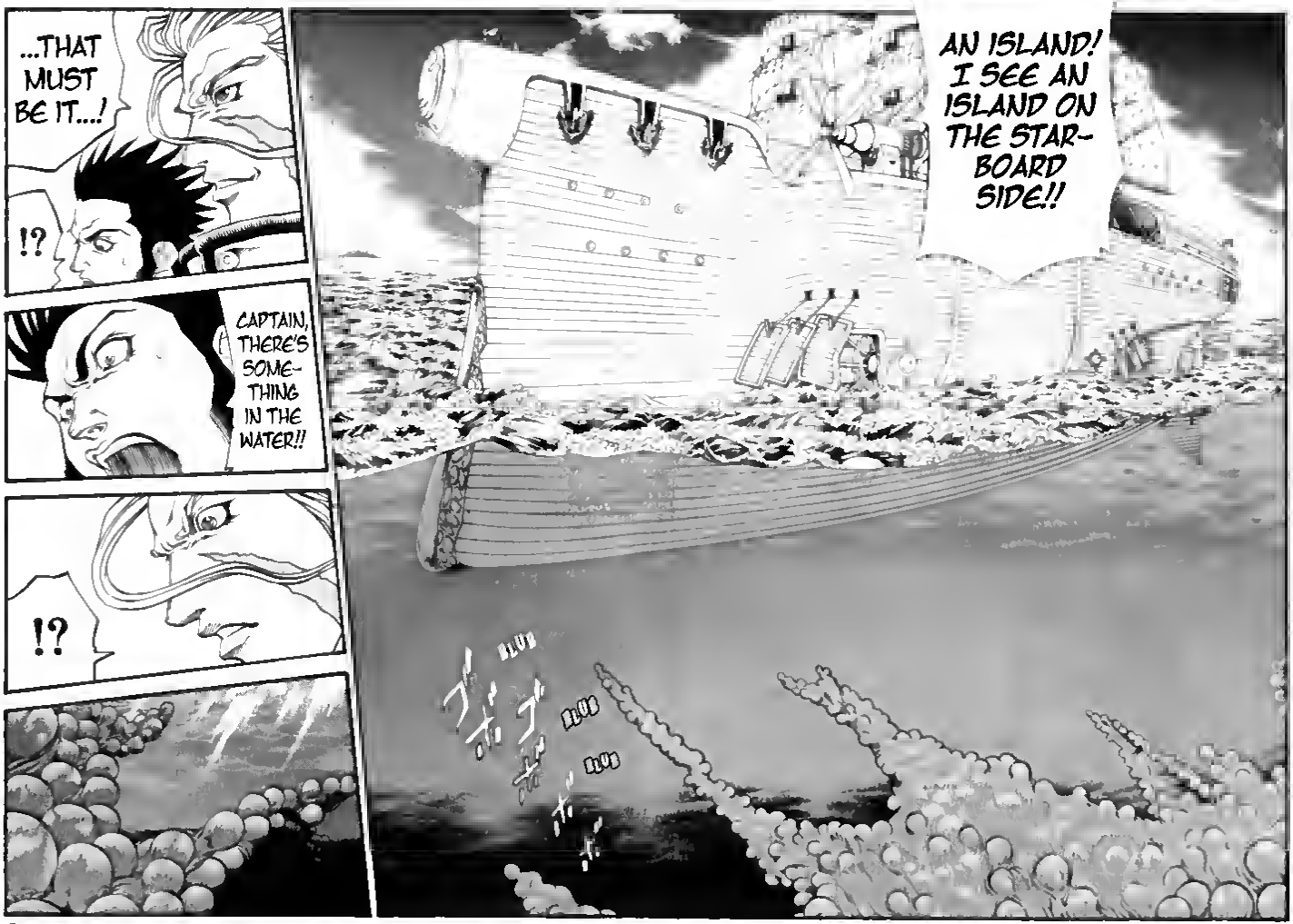
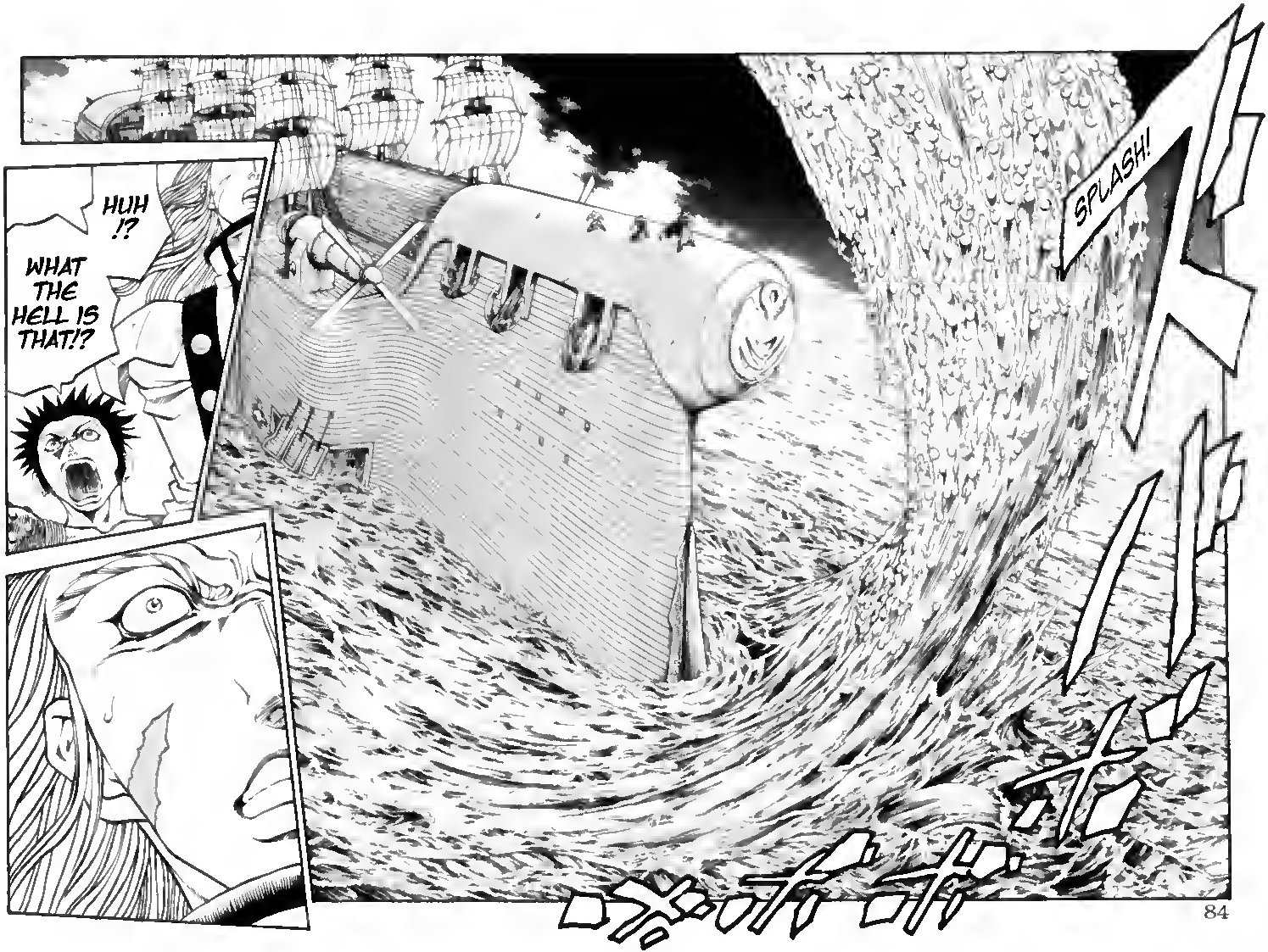
WE HAVEN'T SEEN A THING.
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN IN THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD FOR AN HOUR...
...IF THAT MAN'S INFORMATION WAS RIGHT, IT SHOULD BE ABOUT HERE...
CAPTAIN! I SEE SOMETHING!!


...THAT MUST BE IT...!
!?
CAPTAIN, THERE'S SOME-THING IN THE WATER!!
!?
AN ISLAND! I SEE AN ISLAND ON THE STAR-BOARD SIDE!!
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB


HUH !?
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT!?
SPLASH!

Chapter 146 ❖ Resolve

"BAR GHOST WINDS"
IT'S THE WHITE VOID, I TELL YA! THE WHITE VOID!
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GhostWinds
It's been two weeks since we parted ways with the Red Skell. We're on our way to rendezvous with the rest of our crew. For now, we've stopped at this small port town on the way to see if we could gather any more information on the Pirate Graveyard.
WHAT'S THAT?
NOW, NOW!
WHAT'D YA SAY?! YOU BASTARD!
BUT...
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD!?
Please marry me!!
I TOLD HIM NOT TO DO IT. I TOLD HIM IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE
IT LOOKS FAKE. ARE YOU SURE IT'S REAL?
WHO PROPOSES IN A BAR?
WHAT AN IDIOT..
SIR, PLEASE DON'T FALL ASLEEP HERE!
OF COURSE IT IS! NOW, THAT'LL BE 200 ZELL!
ARE THEY REALLY OLDBLOOD?
HUH?
THEY'RE A GROUP OF OLDBLOOD THAT USE CHANGE-LINGS.
THE COUNTRY NORTH OF LARAZI-NOVE?
IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE BACK IN BOSENRIN.
MAAAN! YOU SURE ARE LATE TO THE PARTY!

ONE DAY THE LEADER OF THE WHITE VOID SHOWED UP, HANDED CHANGELINGS TO ALL OF THEM AND WREAKED HAVOK ACROSS THE COUNTRYSIDE.
ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO, ALL THE PERSECUTED OLDBLOOD OF THE COUNTRY BANDED TOGETHER AND FORMED THEIR OWN VILLAGE.
THE PIRATE GRAVE YARD!?
THEY WERE REPAIRING THEIR HUGE WHITE SHIP AND WERE HEADING TOWARDS THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD.
THAT'S THE WHITE VOID, ALL RIGHT. THEY WERE SPOTTED IN A NEIGHBORING TOWN THREE WEEKS AGO.
THEY SAY SOMETHING SINKS ALL THE SHIPS THAT GO THERE.
BUT NO ONE EVER COMES BACK FROM THERE...
THEY'RE JUST RUMORS! RUMORS!!
KE-KE-KE-KE-KE-KE
STU-UUU PID!
WHAT IS IT...?

CAN WE JUST EAT OUR FOOD PEACEFULLY? WE'RE ALL ADULTS HERE.
PANCH
PANCH
GULP
HOW DO YOU KNOW THEY'RE JUST RUMORS!?
GEEZE
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR!?
WE'LL FIND OUT AT THE POST OFFICE.
WAIT UP.
DO YOU THINK THE WHITE VOID'S SHIP HAS REALLY BEEN SUNK ?
WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE... ALL RIGHT.
THE RED SKELL... FOLLOWED THEM IN, RIGHT...?
WE SHOULD STAY AND KEEP LISTENING, BARTS.

CAPTAIN SPARD WON'T DIE.
NOW LET'S CATCH UP TO THEM! TO THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD!!
YEAH!!
BUT FIRST... WE NEED TO PICK UP THE REST OF THE CREW.
WHY?
THAT'S NOT FUNNY...
TAKE THE HELM, COCO!
SET A COURSE FOR WEST BY NORTH-WEST!!
AYE, AYE!!
SPIN

.....
ISN'T THAT THE WAY TO THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD?
HUH?
...WAIT
BARTS! WE NEED TO PICK UP THE REST OF THE CREW!!
...IS IT?
ALL RIGHT, THEN! SET A COURSE FOR...
WEST BY NORTH WEST!!
BARTS!!
CUT IT OUT ALREADY!

!?
W- WHAT IS IT!?
SOME-THING'S HERE!!
UGYAAAAH

...THEY'RE GONE...
SO THIS IS THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...
YEAH... BOTH ADVANCE PARTIES...
GONE!?
HEAD ONWARD, YA SCURVY DOGS!!
FROM THIS POINT ON, PREPARE FOR THE WORST!
LET'S GO BACK TO INOGA-SWEEDA!!
PLEASE WAIT!

DON'T LOSE YOUR-SELF TO YOUR FEAR!!
YOU WANT TO ABANDON YOUR SHIP-MATES!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
IF IT WAS UP TO JUST ME, I'D SAY LET'S CHARGE IN, FULL SPEED AHEAD!!
I THINK I SPEAK FOR EVERYONE IN THIS CREW WHEN I SAY WE ALL WANT TO KNOW WHAT LIES BEYOND THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD!
YOU'RE WRONG! WE WOULD NEVER LET OUR COMRADES DIE IN VAIN!! TO HELL WITH FEAR!!
EVEN THOUGH I GOT NO ONE IN THIS WORLD... WHEN I THINK ABOUT MY COMRADES WHO HAVE FAMILIES TO RETURN TO, I CAN'T, IN GOOD FAITH, PUSH THEM TO CONTINUE ONWARD.
THEY'RE BLISSFULLY IGNORANT, AWAITING MY RETURN...
IF I WERE TO VANISH LIKE MY FRIENDS OUT THERE...
BUT... I HAVE A WIFE AND KIDS...
YOUR ORDERS, CAPTAIN?
The reason mom and I can have no hesitation is because we're together.
That's right...

ALL RIGHT.
LET'S HEAD BACK TO INOGA-SWEEDA...

NGH
HHH

SET-
TING
OFF?
WHSH

WE LOVE OUR FAMILIES, BUT WE'RE PIRATES FIRST AND FOREMOST! WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS TO THE END! WE'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!
EVEN IF ALL THESE BASTARDS HEAD BACK, I'LL FOLLOW YOU ALONE, CAPTAIN!!
WE'LL ALL GO! TOMORROW MORNING, THE RED SKELL WILL CROSS THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD!
WE KNOW YOU CAN'T LET THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD GO.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO GIVE UP ON IT BECAUSE OF US.
I ALSO HAVE FAMILY...
I CAN'T TAKE CAFELL ACROSS THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE MIND-FUL.
BUT I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE, EITHER... SO I HAVE ONE LAST ORDER.

WHA...?
MAKE HIM INTO A FINE PIRATE... A MAN WORTHY OF COMMANDING THE RED SKELL.
TAKE CARE OF CAPELL FOR ME!
THOSE ARE MY ORDERS! DON'T FORGET THEM! I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO GO ALONE!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? WE SAID WE'D COME WITH YOU...!!
...CAP-TAIN...
I'M A SELFISH CAPTAIN... AND AN EVEN MORE SELFISH MOTHER...
THOSE ORDERS.. THOSE ORDERS ...!!
BUT I CAN'T JUST QUIT BEING A PIRATE.

YOU SET OUR COURSE TOWARDS THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD WHILE I WAS COOKING!!
HEY! BARTS !!

NO ONE'S EVER MADE IT BACK FROM THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD ALIVE...
WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY? YOU WANNA BEAT THE RED SKELL THERE?
BARTS...
YOU SAID THAT CAPTAIN SPARD WON'T DIE...
SHE'S THE ONLY ONE...
...THAT I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE.
How can you be that cocky!?
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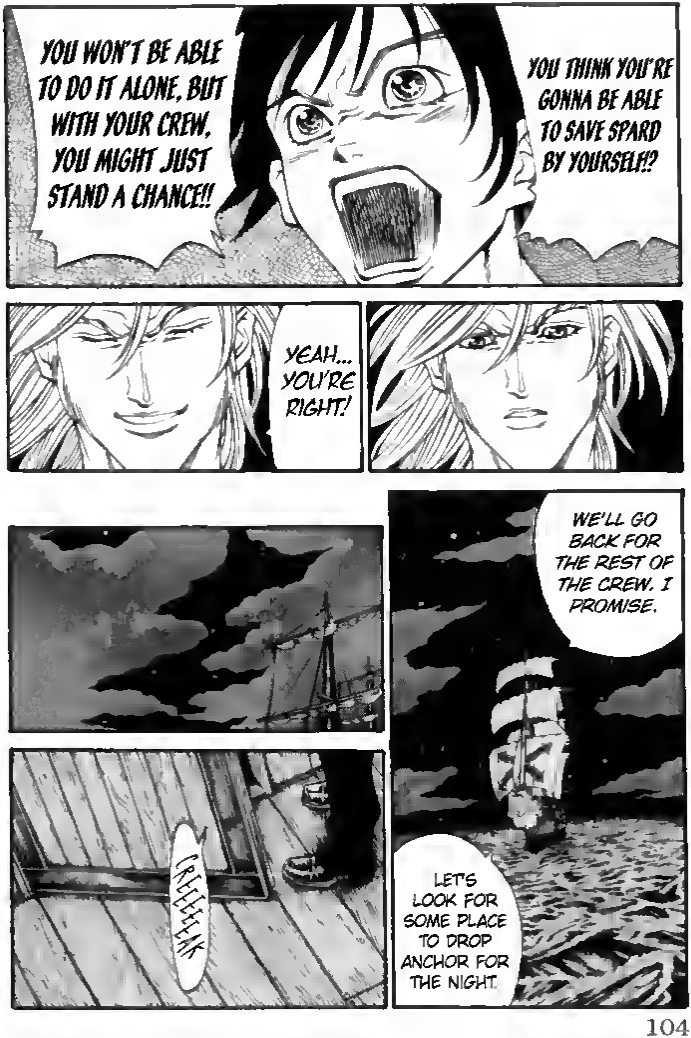
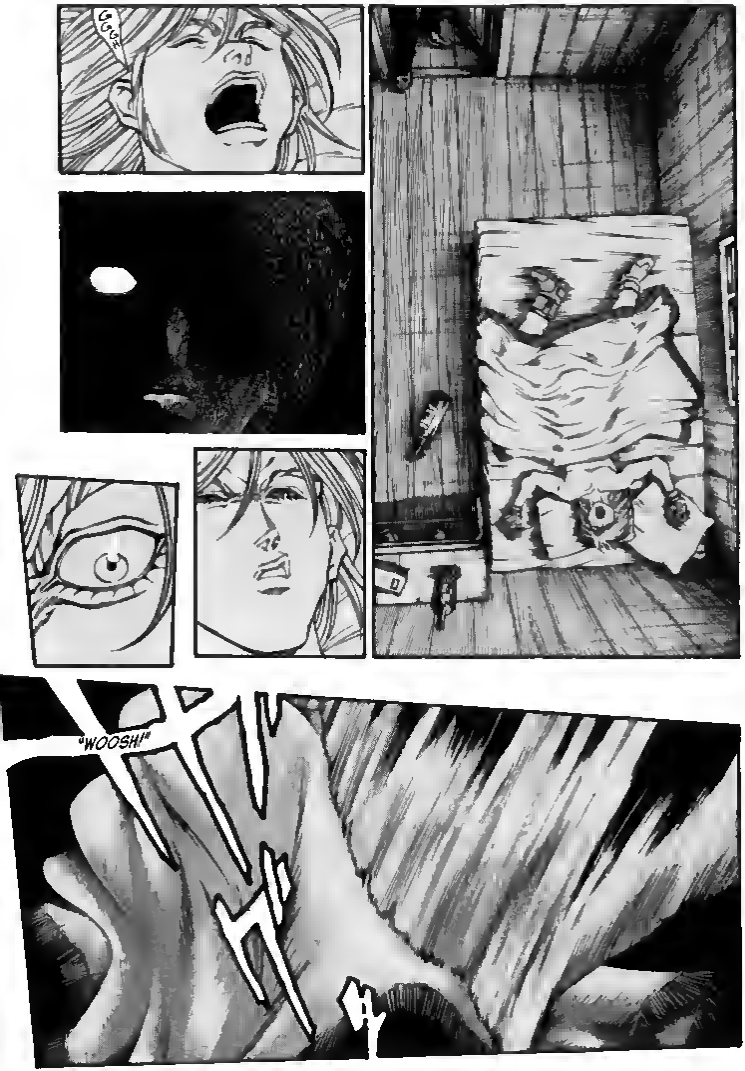
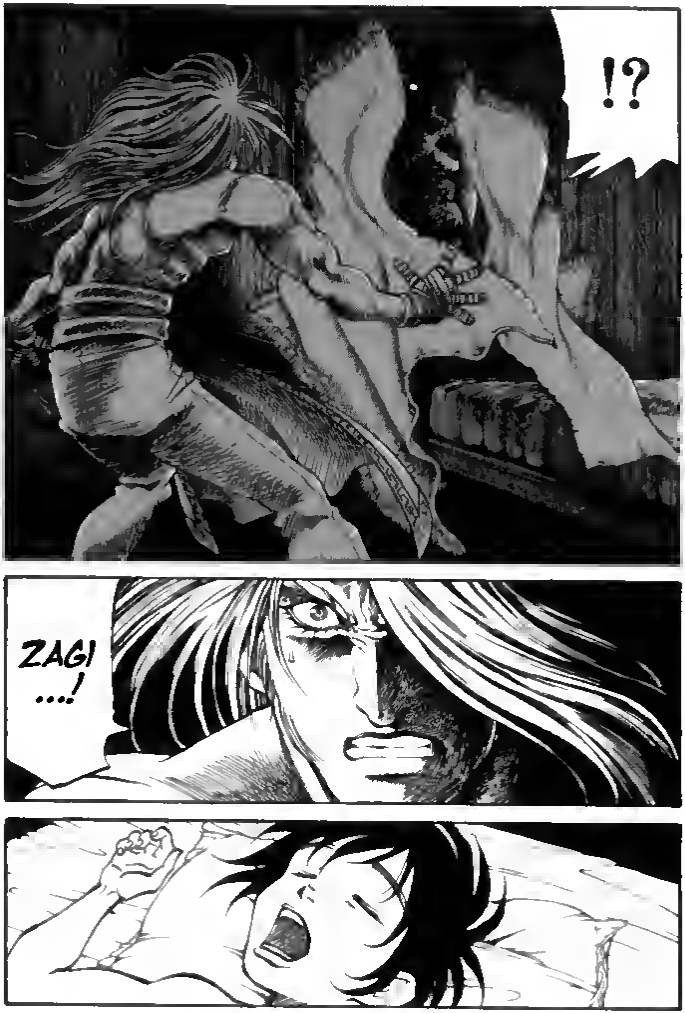

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT ALONE, BUT WITH YOUR CREW, YOU MIGHT JUST STAND A CHANCE!!
YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA BE ABLE TO SAVE SPARD BY YOURSELF!?
YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT!
WE'LL GO BACK FOR THE REST OF THE CREW. I PROMISE.
LET'S LOOK FOR SOME PLACE TO DROP ANCHOR FOR THE NIGHT.
CREEEEEAK


GASP!
"WOOSH!"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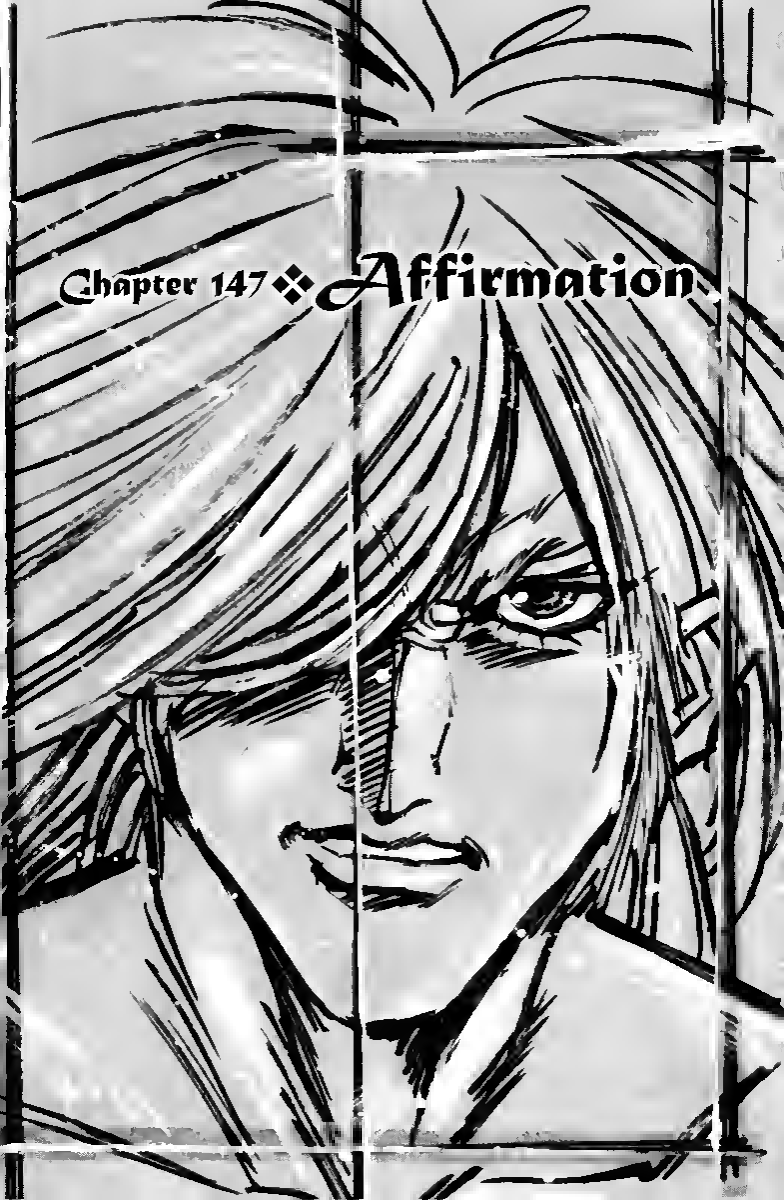
Chapter 147 ❖ Affirmation

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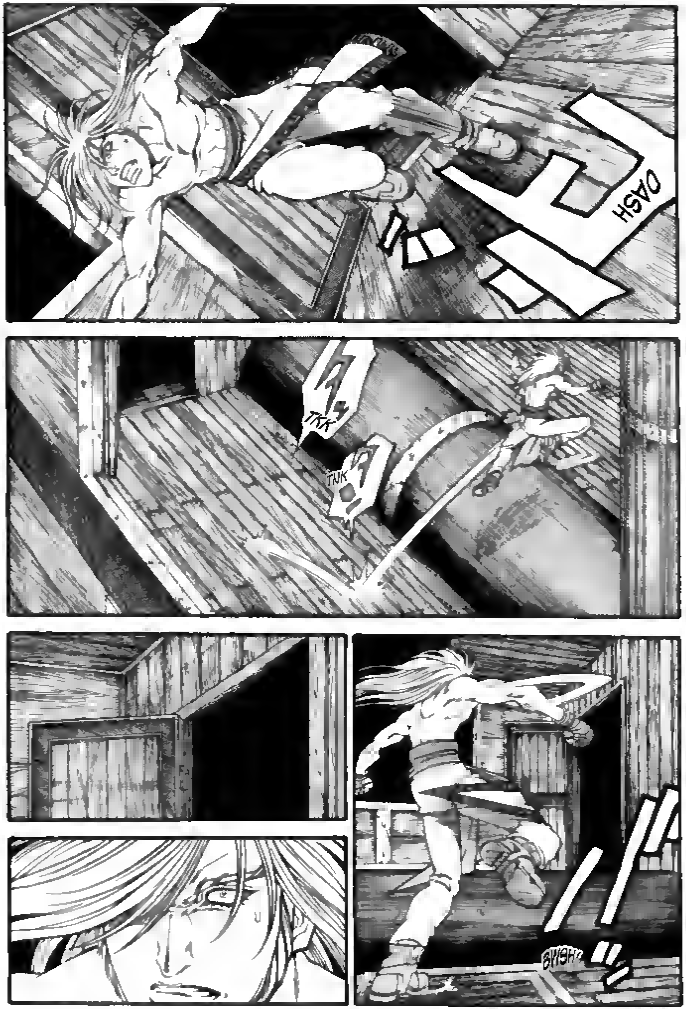
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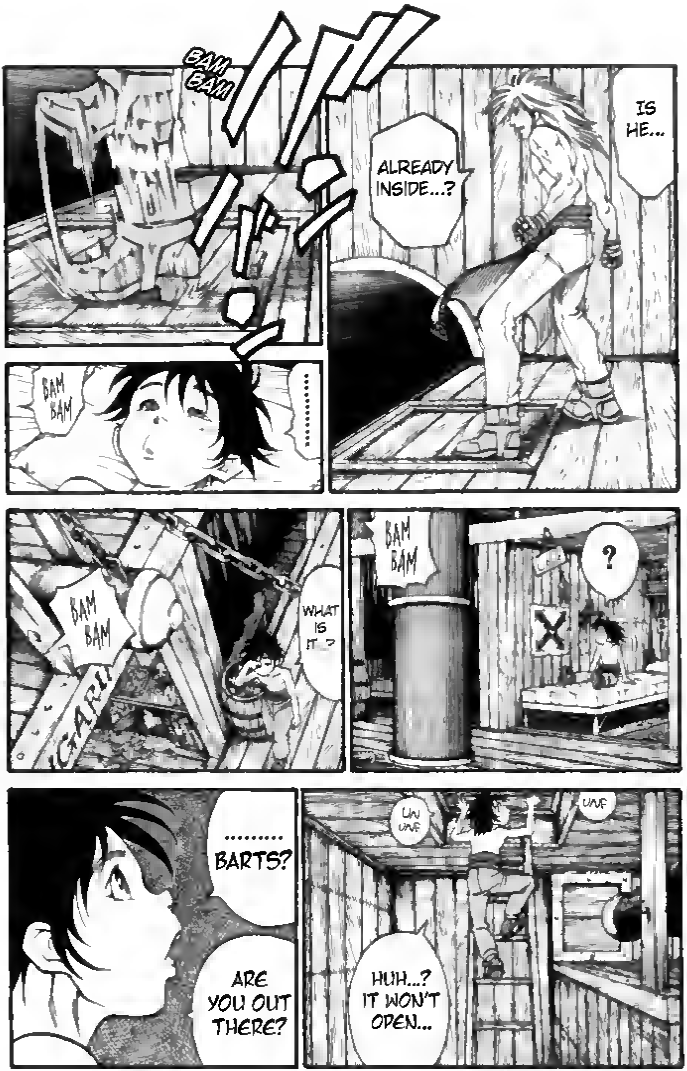
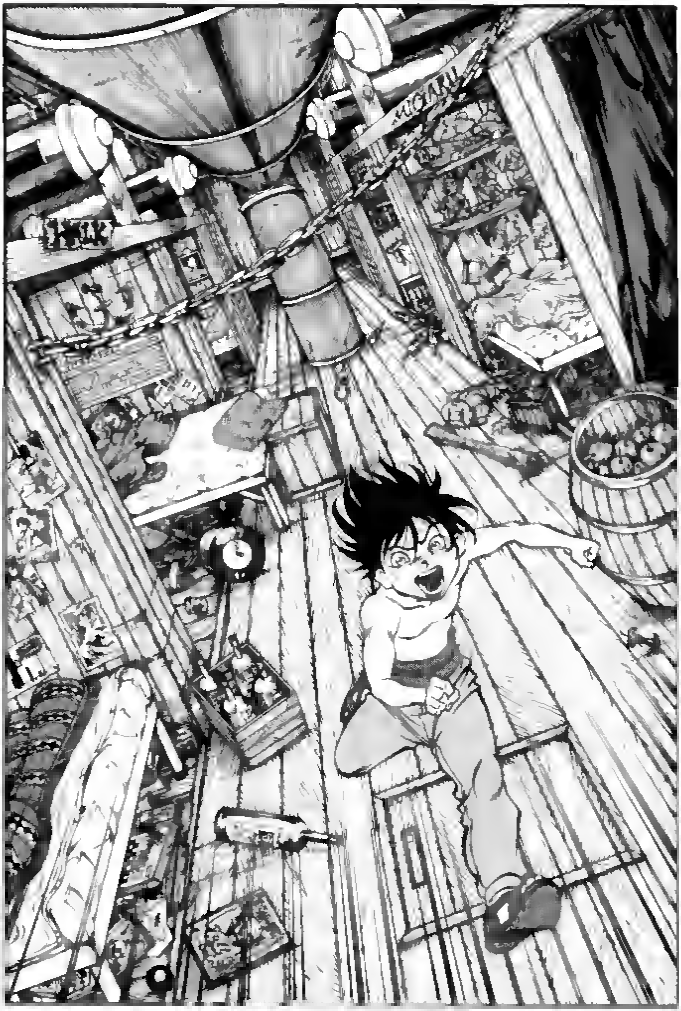
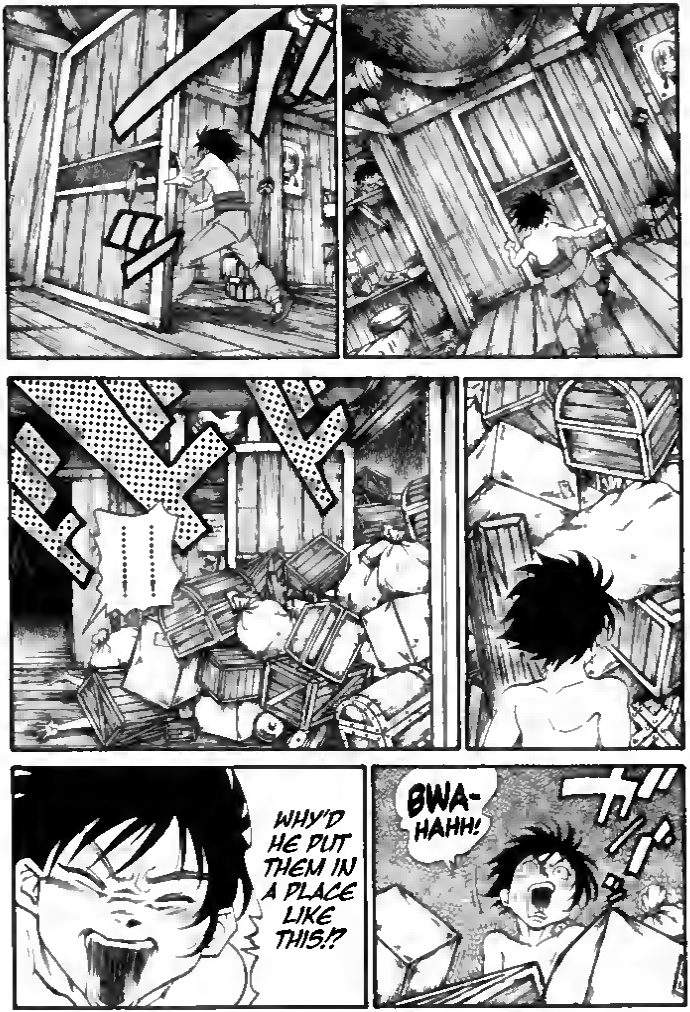
TAK
SWISH


BAM BAM
IS HE...
ALREADY INSIDE...?
BAM BAM
.....
BAM BAM
WHAT IS IT...?
CARI
BAM BAM
?
.....
BARTS?
ARE YOU OUT THERE?
UH UH
UH UH
HUH...? IT WON'T OPEN...

...HUH?
COCO... GET MY SWORDS.
THE SWORDS THAT OLD MAN HOWL MADE. THEY'RE IN THE STORAGE ROOM AT THE BOW. HURRY.
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
!?
ZAGI...
ZAGI'S HERE !?
ZAGI.....
GO GET THEM ALREADY!!

WHUMP!
ZAGI'S HERE...
ZAGI ...
SHISH!
HANG ON, BARTS!! I'M GETTING THEM! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!!
He's here... Zagi's here!!
DASH!




WHY'D HE PUT THEM IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!?
BWA-HAHH!

FLIP
FLING
HANG ON, BARTS ...
WHICH ONE IS IT...!?
WHICH BOX IS IT...?
COME ON AL-READY!!
COME ON... COME ON!
FLING
FLIP
GOT IT!
I GOT IT, BARTS!!
.....
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BARTS!
BARTS, I GOT 'EM! ...BARTS...
ANSWER ME, BARTS...
BARTS!!
HAND ME THE SWORDS AND STAY BELOW DECK
GASP
IT'S STRANGE. THE BASTARD HASN'T SHOWN HIMSELF YET...
DON'T COME OUT NO MATTER HOW LOUD I SCREAM.
AND IF I STOP SCREAMING... THEN...
TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELF...
BARTS...
KA-TAN
SKFF
!

BARTS...
SLICE!
DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WIELD A SWORD ANYMORE? ...WELL, WHAT NOW?
THIS IS SO UNLIKE YOU, ZAGI... USUALLY I CAN'T GET YOU TO SHUT UP...

.....HUH?
WHO ARE YOU?
NO... YOU'RE NOT ZAGI.
ZAGI WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING SO UNDER-HANDED..
SNEAKING ON BOARD UNDER THE DARKNESS OF A NEW MOON...
This swords-man-ship...
CLANG
BWSH!
This is no ordinary person!
CLANG

!?
Wait...I know this sword style...!!
If I'm right...!
SPLAT!
CL-CLAAANG
BARTS!!
HUH!?

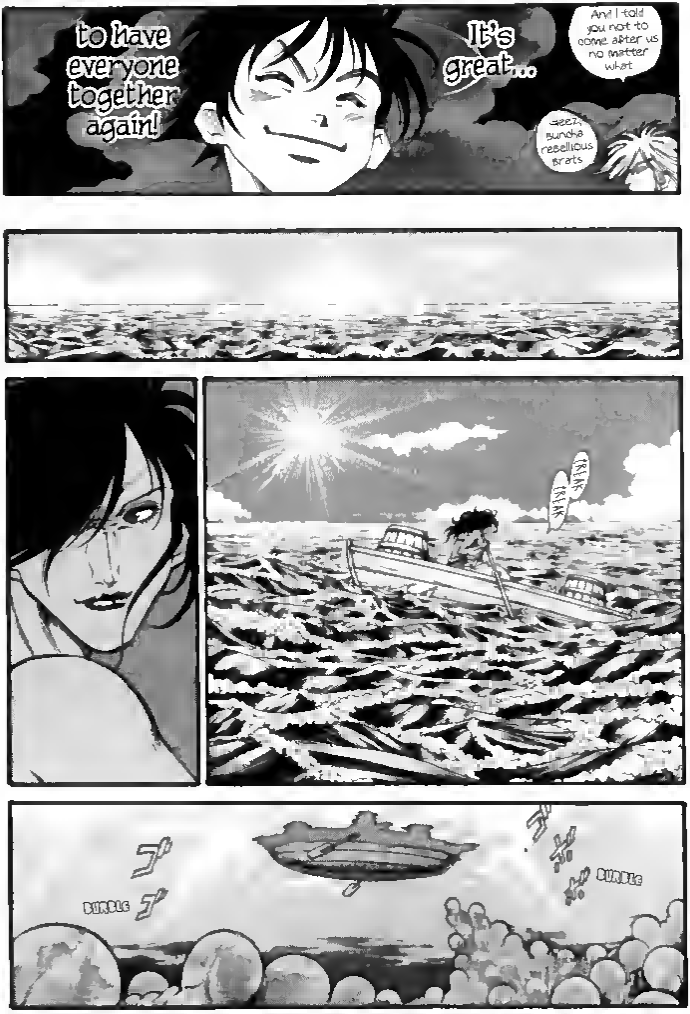
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? I ALMOST TOOK YOUR HEAD OFF, DEAD.
I TOLD THEM NOT TO DO IT.
GEEZ, THAT WAS SO NERVE-RACKING!
HUH!?
.....HUH?

WE GOT LUCKY WITH THE NEW MOON... THE HEAVY CLOUDS WERE A PLUS, TOO...
I WANTED TO SEE HOW YOU HELD UP AGAINST DEAD...
MIGARU WANTED TO SEE IF THE CAPTAIN'S SWORDARM WAS BACK...
WE DID!
I'M SORRY
OOF!
YOU THOUGHT WE WERE ZAGI?
CAPTAIN, THOSE SWORDS...
I SAY THAT BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING
THEY'RE THE ONES OLD MAN HOWL FORGED FOR YOU.
YUP.

THEY'RE PRETTY SHARP.
SLICE
I CAN'T EVEN SEE THEM THIS CLOSE UP.
THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH.
SEE?
OH NO!
OH NO!
I'M NOT SURE HOW IT LOOKS FROM THE OTHER SIDE, THOUGH...
I CAN BARELY FEEL THEM... IT'S LIKE I NEVER LOST MY TOUCH.
AND THEIR WEIGHT?
UN-ACCEPT-ABLE.
WELL, DEAD...?
HUH...?
HOW'S THE CAPTAIN'S SWORD-ARM...?

THE CAPTAIN IS EVEN BETTER THAN ME.
IT SEEMS THAT NOW...
BRING ON ZAGI OR WHO-EVER!
TWIN SWORDS BARTS IS BACK!!
.....
...HUH?
HM?
COCO.....

YOU'RE A LOT TOUGHER NOW, AREN'T YOU...? IT SURE LOOKS THAT WAY.
HUH? NO WAY
DID YOU GET TALLER?
YEAH!
LOOKS LIKE THE SWEET MADONNA PIRATES ARE BACK IN ACTION! SO WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN!
PETE, I'm HUNGRY
Ah, I'll GO WHIP SOMETHING UP
I'm gonna GO GET SOME REST
Ah, there's gonna TO BE ALONE
I'm tired
GOTTA MAKE SURE MY LOVELY RICHES ARE OK
WHY ARE YOU ALL HERE?
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT IN TOWN.
HEY... ARE YOU LISTENING? HEY!
IT'S ALMOST MORNING.
HUH?
WE'LL DISCUSS OUR PLANS THEN. BUT FIRST...


to have everyone together again!
It's great...
Ain't I told you not to come after us no matter what
sees, buncha rebellious brats
BUBBLE
BUBBLE

SPA-PLOOSH!
!?

ズボボボ
SPA-PLOOSH!

Chapter 148 ❖ Regret
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GYYAA!
SHA-BLOOSH!

"GKK GKK GKK GKK GKK GKK"

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OF THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD...!?
....IS THIS THE SECRET.
AND THIS IS ITS TRUE FORM!?
FOR CENTURIES, PIRATES HAVE WORSHIPPED THIS PART OF THE SEA, CONSIDERED IT SACRED..
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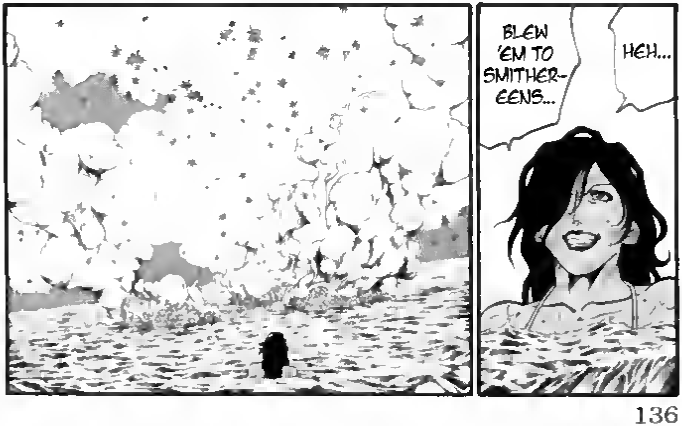
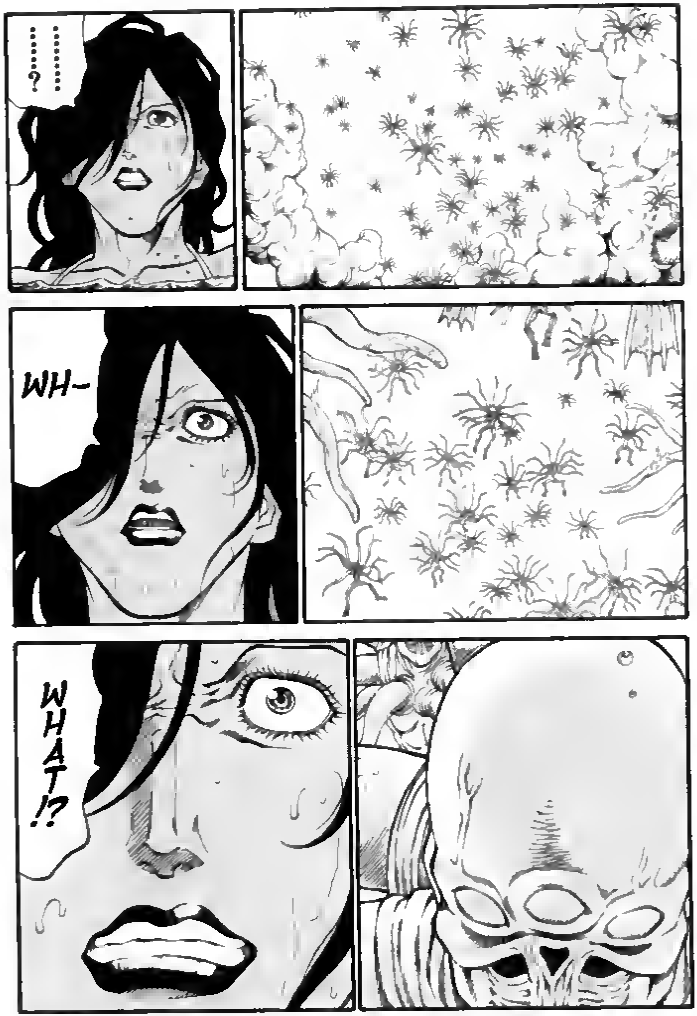
GRRRRR!
...AN ISLAND...
SHK
FWOOSH
?
?
?

Tss
Fsss
HA! I WON'T GO DOWN SO EASILY!!
?
?
?
Sssssss
Sssssss

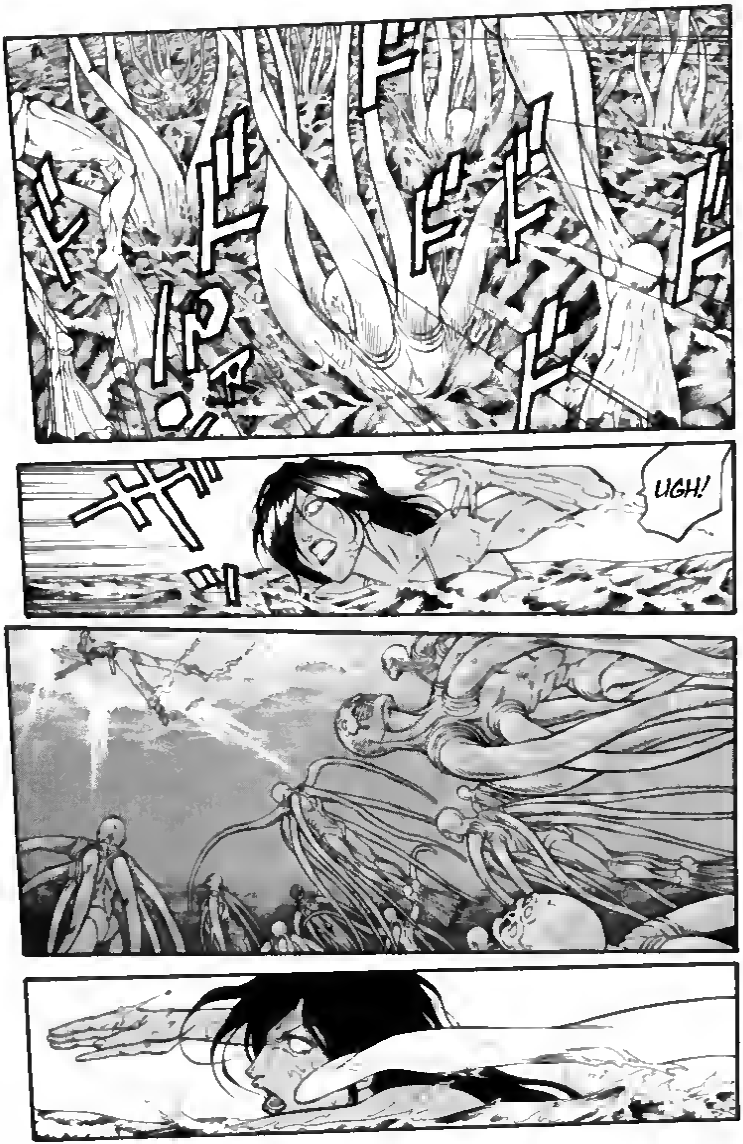
PWA-HAAH!
SPLASH

KA-Boom
DO


BLEW 'EM TO SMITHER-EENS...
HEH...


.....?
WH-
WHAT!?

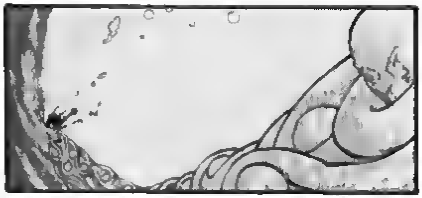
THOSE THREE MON-STERS...
WERE ACTUALLY THREE THOU-SAND...!?

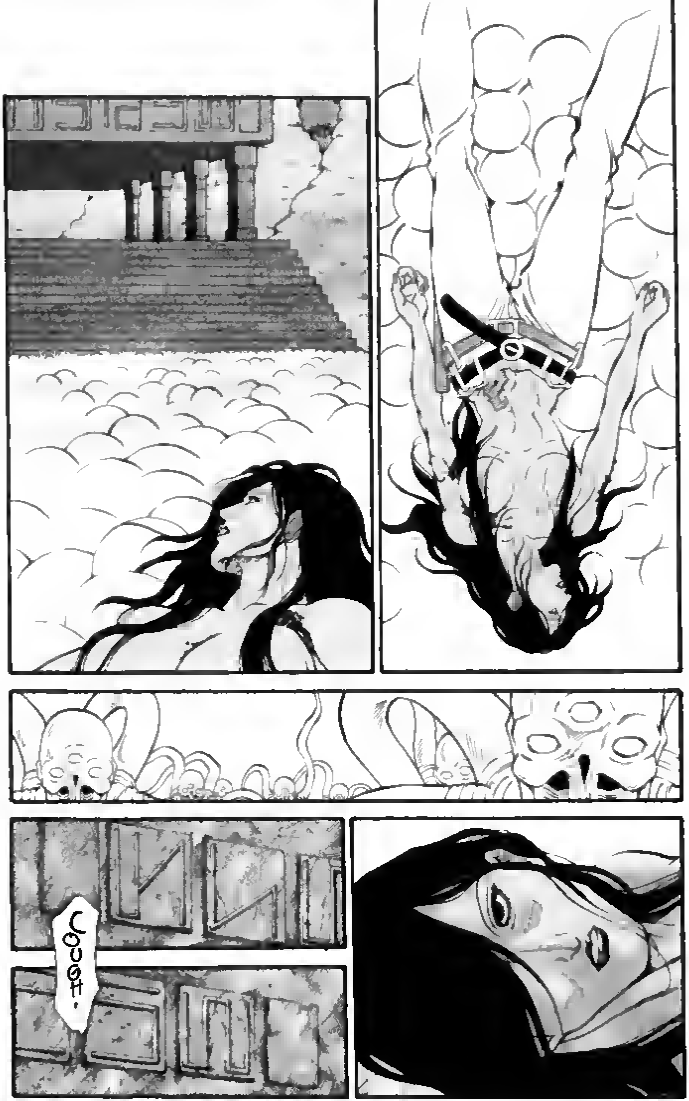

UGH!

"Uuuu

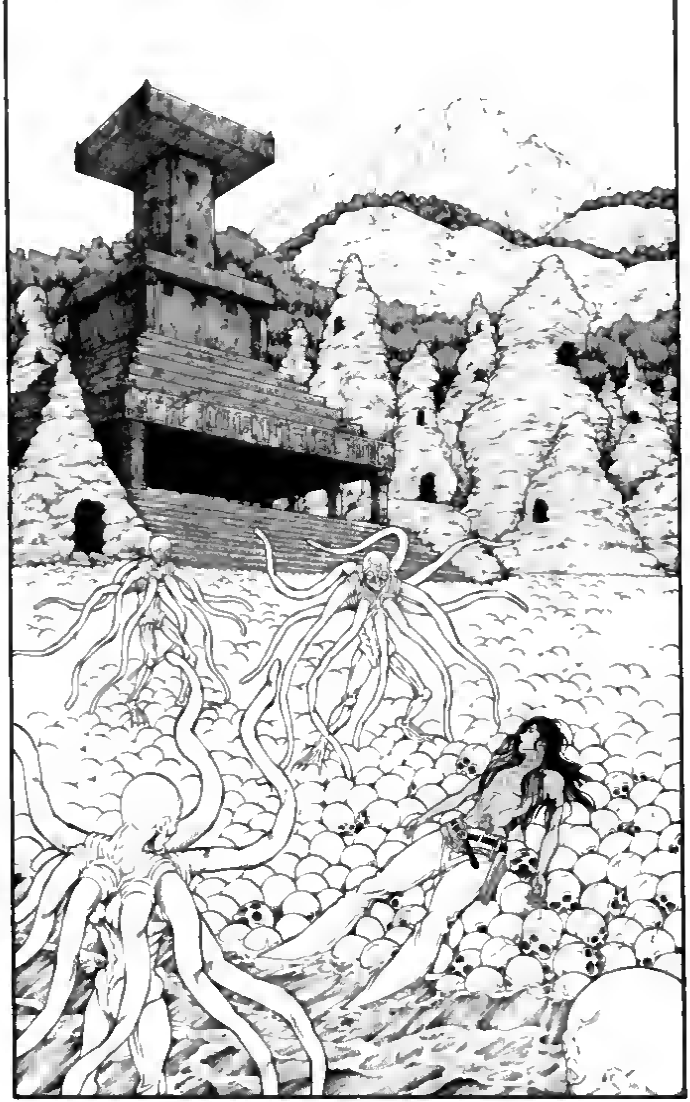
SPLASH!
UAA AAA A AAA!
CRACK!

SLICE!
STAB!
EHHHOO!




Cough.

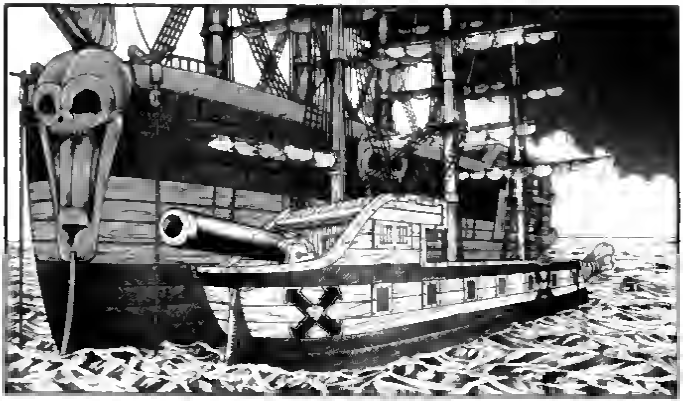
It's Rainbow Town...
John.....



THE SWEET MADONNA
Chapter 149 ❖ Intrusion

I MADE 'EM WHILE WE WERE WAITING FOR THE CAPTAIN BACK IN THE VILLAGE.
THIS WAY YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE YOUR SWORDS WITH YOU, EVEN WHEN ZAGI STRIKES!
COCO, IT LOOKS LIKE...

OH, YEAH. SHE TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU A MESSAGE.
WHISPER WHISPER
IT WAS PART OF THE LOVE-MAIL
PETE! WE SAW THE PRINCESS AGAIN AT RAGITOPE CASTLE!
YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING UP THERE
ROSANNA?
SHE'S NOT THE PRINCESS ANYMORE SHE'S THE QUEEN
SKID SKID
AH... IT'S THE RED SKELL.
CAPTAIN, WHICH WAY ARE WE HEADED?
RED SKELL!?

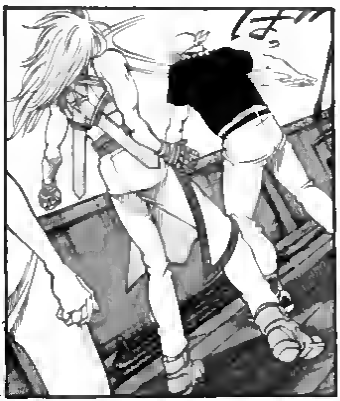


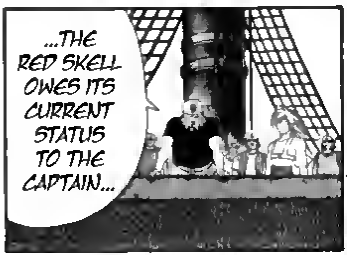
WHY DID YOU LET HER GO TO THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD ALONE!?

THE PIRATE... GRAVE-YARD?
...I DIDN'T LET HER GO...
ANSWER ME, BLUE!!

SHE FORBADE ME FROM FOLLOWING!!

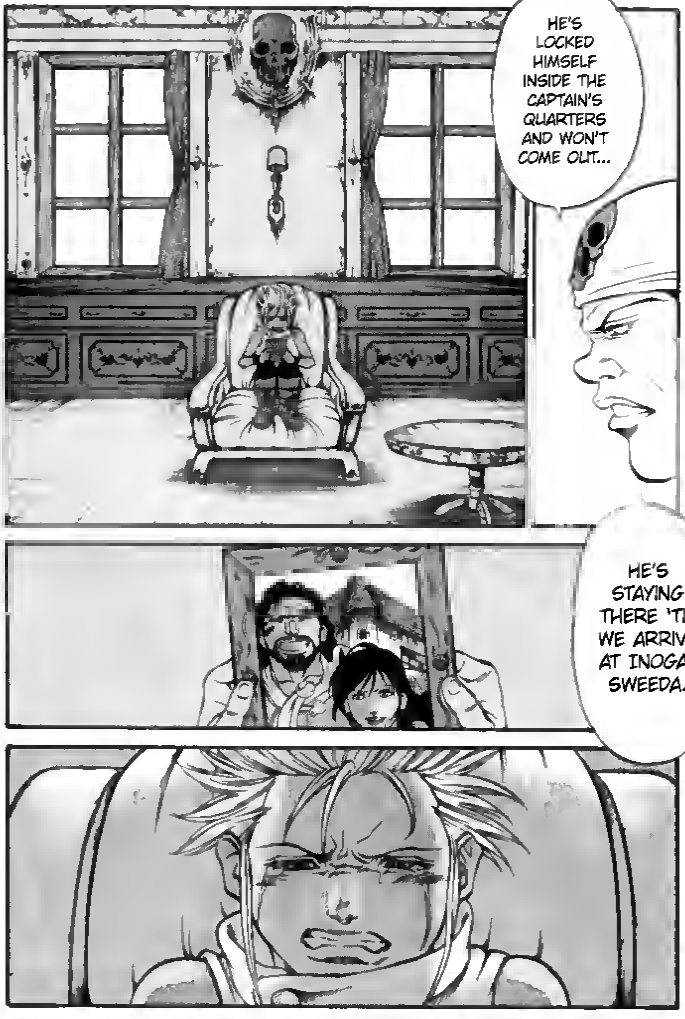
...WHERE'S CAFELL?



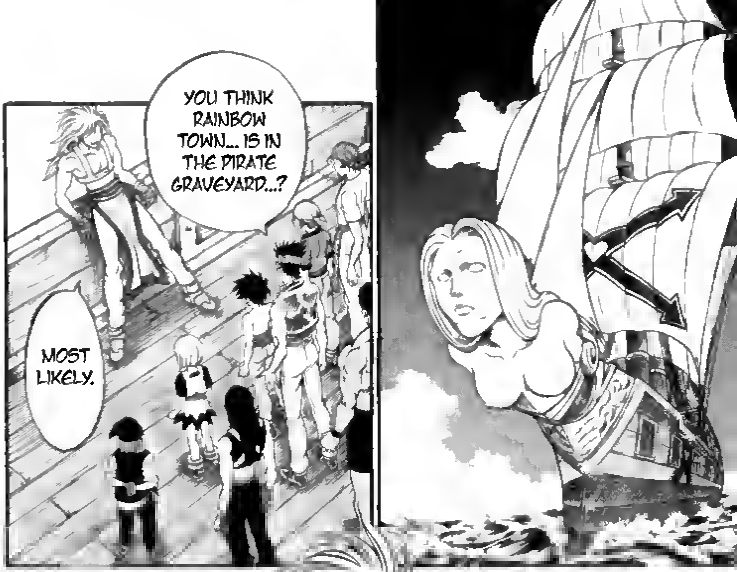

...THE RED SKELL OWES ITS CURRENT STATUS TO THE CAPTAIN...

AFTER THE DEATH OF THE FORMER CAPTAIN, THE REST OF THE CREW BROKE UP AND INOGASWEEDA BEGAN TO DECLINE...
WE LOST OUR SHIP AND WERE ABOUT TO LOSE OUR HOME...
I DEDICATED MY LIFE TO HER...
THE ONLY ONE WHO KEPT BOTH THE RED SKELL AND INOGASWEEDA FROM FALLING TO PIECES...
WAS OUR CAPTAIN, LAYLA SPARD!!

SHE LOVED THE RED SKELL... BUT SHE ALSO LOVED CAPELL.
SHE WAS ALWAYS TORN BETWEEN HER DUTY AS A MOTHER AND AS A CAPTAIN...
HOW COULD I DISOBEY HER ?
GRIP
SHE MADE ME PROMISE
THE CAPTAIN TOLD ME UNDER NO CIRCUM-STANCES WAS CAPELL TO FOLLOW HER.
SO... WHERE'S CAPELL?
HOW COULD I SAY NO TO SUCH DETER-MINATION!?

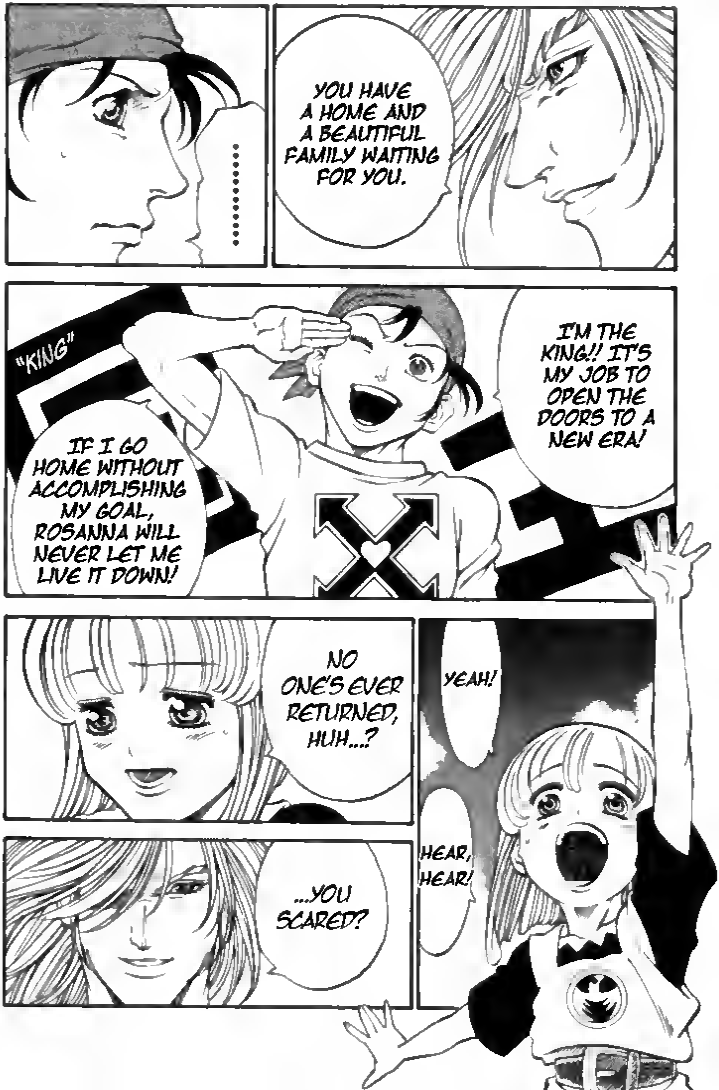

HE'S LOCKED HIMSELF INSIDE THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS AND WON'T COME OUT...
HE'S STAYING THERE 'TIL WE ARRIVE AT INOGA-SWEEDA.

HEY, BLUE.
LET'S GO, YA SCURVY DOGS
HE WANTS TO BE WITH HIS MOM.
I DON'T HAVE ANY KIDS SO I DON'T KNOW HOW A PARENT FEELS...
.....
BUT I WAS A CHILD ONCE, AND I CAN TELL YOU HOW CAFELL IS FEELING RIGHT NOW...


YOU THINK RAINBOW TOWN... IS IN THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD...?
MOST LIKELY.

IT'S UNCHARTED SEAS THAT NO ONE HAS EVER RETURNED FROM.
ARE YOU GUYS READY?

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE AREN'T.
WE'RE A BUNCH OF PORT-LESS PIRATES.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANYWHERE TO RETURN TO!
WE'VE ALL GOTTA GO SOME-TIME!
HOW ABOUT YOU, PETE...?
HUH..?

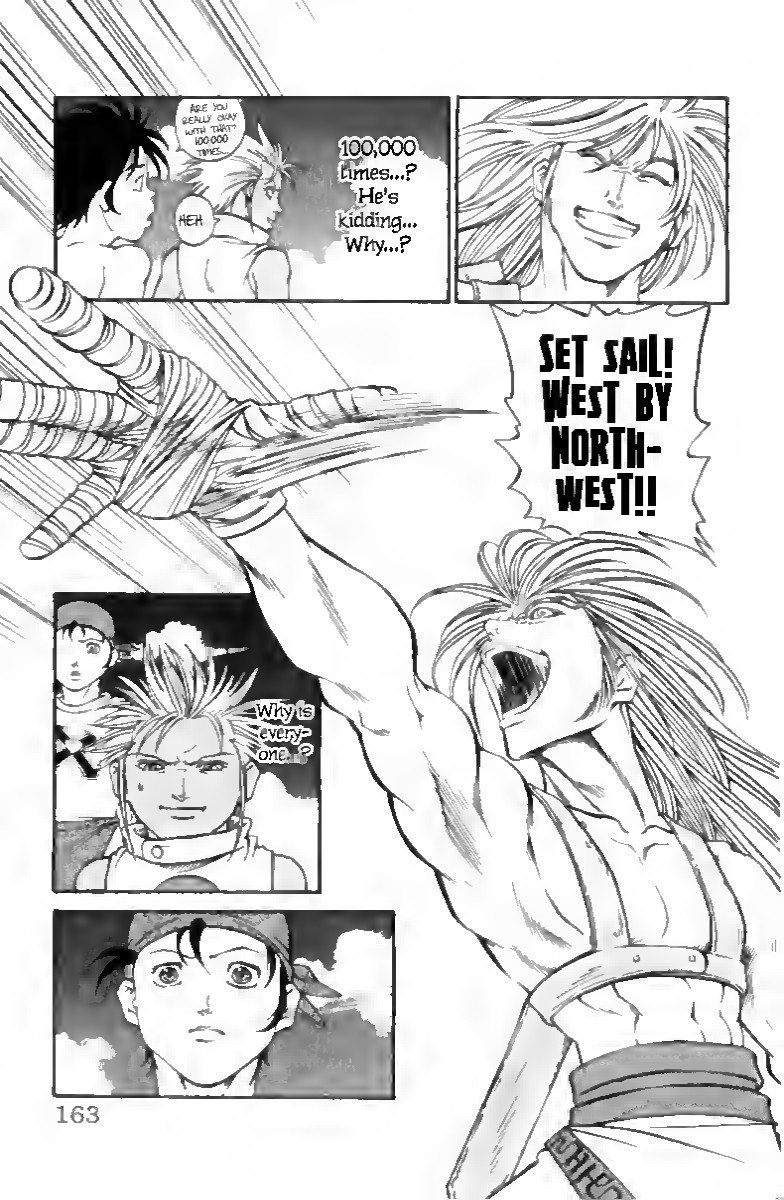

YOU HAVE A HOME AND A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY WAITING FOR YOU.
.....
"KING"
I'M THE KING!! IT'S MY JOB TO OPEN THE DOORS TO A NEW ERA!
IF I GO HOME WITHOUT ACCOMPLISHING MY GOAL, ROSANNA WILL NEVER LET ME LIVE IT DOWN!
NO ONE'S EVER RETURNED, HUH...?
YEAH!
HEAR, HEAR!
...YOU SCARED?

MAYBE THEY FOUND SOMETHING SO WONDERFUL THAT THEY NEVER WANTED TO RETURN!!
WAKU WAKU
IT'S NOT THAT...!
HAREMS♥
DE-BAUCH-ERY?
PARA-DISE?
OH! OH!♥ OOOO OOH!♥

FULL AHEAD TO THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD!
ALL RIGHT!
AYEEEEEEEEEEEE!!

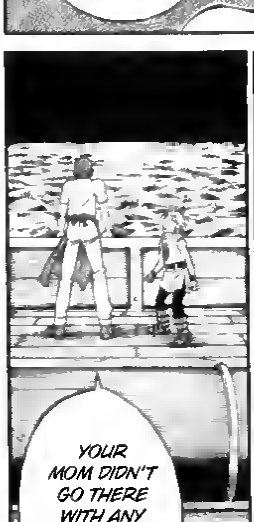
WHEN DID YOU... HUH!?
C-CAFELL!?
PLEASE...
TAKE ME WITH YOU...

IF MY MOTHER IS THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS TO GO TO PARADISE...
IT'S NOT FAIR...
CAPTAIN, THINK CAREFULLY. REMEMBER WHAT BLUE JUST SAID...
IF WE TAKE HIM ALONG, HE'S GONNA BEAT YOUR ASS.
PLEASE!
PLEASE TAKE ME WITH YOU!!
OH YEEEEAH DON'T WANT THAT HAPPEN-ING.
...GOT IT.
HUH? HUH?
IF BLUE HITS ME 10,000 TIMES, I'M GONNA HIT YOU A 100,000 TIMES.
GOT IT?


ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THAT? 100,000 TIMES...
HEH
100,000 times...? He's kidding... Why...?
SET SAIL! WEST BY NORTH-WEST!!
Why is every-one...?

CAN'T SLEEP?

THAT'S HOW DANGEROUS THIS PLACE IS SUPPOSED TO BE...
CAPTAIN SPARD'S FINAL WISH WAS FOR YOU NOT TO FOLLOW HER...


YOUR MOM DIDN'T GO THERE WITH ANY INTENTION OF DYING.

I KNOW! THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO GO!!
I CAN'T LET MY MOM DIE ALONE!!

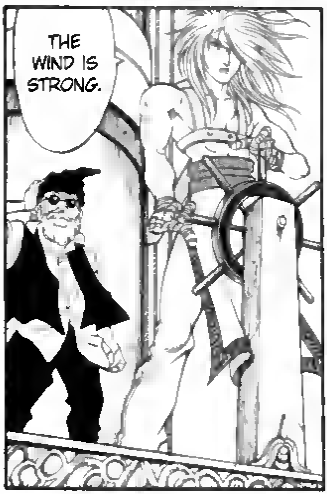
.....
SO ARE YOU PLAN-NING TO DIE?

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!! WHY IS EVERY-ONE...?
THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD IS WHERE YOU GO TO DIE! MY MOM IS DEFINITELY ALREADY...!!
I'M GOING TO BE A FATHER.
I'M HAVING A CHILD.
AND I WON'T DIE, NO MATTER WHAT.
I'M GOING TO LIVE FOR THE SAKE OF MY CHILD.
THAT'S HOW ALL PARENTS FEEL... THAT'S WHY I'M SURE...
CAPTAIN SPARD IS DEFINITELY STILL ALIVE...
FOR YOUR SAKE ....!!

BLUE IS GONNA HIT CAPTAIN BARTS 10,000 TIMES.
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP ON LIFE ALREADY.
WE'LL ALL COME BACK ALIVE.
THEN HE'S GOING TO HIT YOU 100,000 TIMES...
IS GONNA HIT CAPTAIN BARTS 1,000,000 TIMES... RIGHT?
AND THEN YOUR MOM...
YEAH!
.....
Captain's quarters
CAFELL... CHEER UP. WE BROUGHT YOU FOOD.

Chapter 150
Attack

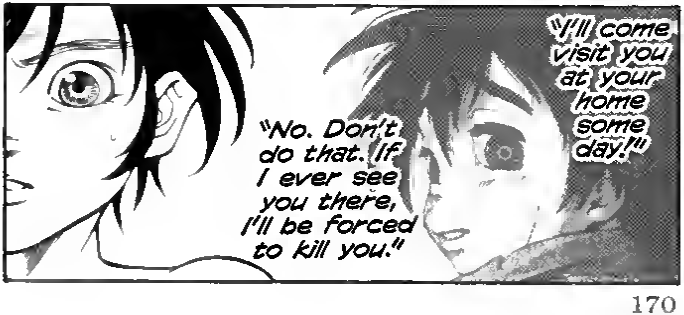
STIFF!


THE WIND IS STRONG.

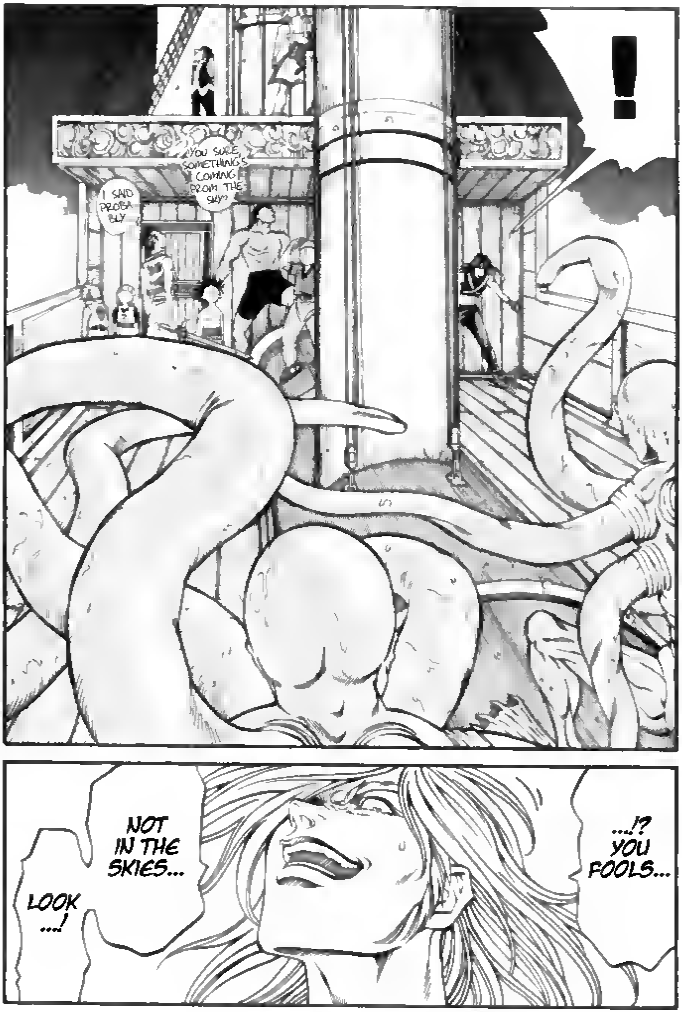
PWAM!

AN HOUR INTO THE PIRATE GRAVEYARD... NOT A THING IN SIGHT.
WHILE WE WERE WAITING FOR THE CAPTAIN...
WE FOUND SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN TO THESE WATERS BEFORE.
HE SAID HE MADE IT ABOUT THIS FAR IN...
COCO SAID THE BOY HE TALKED TO MENTIONED THAT...
WHEN HE WAS ON HIS GIANT BIRD, HE SAW RANDOM ATTACKS IN THESE WATERS.
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
I'VE GOT A THEORY...

That giant bird was probably the reason entire ships and fleets never made it back...
The survivors who made it back to tell the tale of the Pirate Graveyard were sailors who visited while the giant bird was elsewhere...


"I'll come visit you at your home some day."
"No. Don't do that. If I ever see you there, I'll be forced to kill you."

PERHAPS THE GIANT BIRD WILL RETURN... AND THIS PEACE IS ONLY TEMPORARY...
BUT THE WHITE VOID ARRIVED HERE JUST LAST WEEK AND STILL VANISHED...
WE SHOULD PROBABLY KEEP ON EYE ON THE SKIES...


I SAID PROBABLY
YOU SURE, SOMETHING'S COMING FROM THE SKY?
!
LOOK...!
NOT IN THE SKIES...
...!? YOU FOOLS...

"02020202"
THE ENEMY ISN'T A GIANT BIRD!!
CAPTAIN!
WHAT THE HELL!? THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM!!
I WON'T KILL WHAT I WON'T EAT...

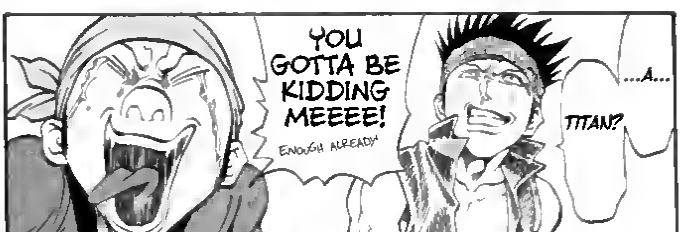
HOW 'BOUT WE SKIP THAT RULE ...
JUST THIS ONCE!
AGREED!!
ZO-WAHRUM
"SLICE!"

ALICE!!
ALICE! PROTECT MILKA!
HOLD
ZWOHH
GRAB
PUNCH!!

AYE! 40° TO STAR-BOARD SIDE!
GOOD JOB, NOSE! SET A COURSE!
CAPTAIN! I SEE AN ISLAND!
!
...AN ISLAND ...
!
BWSH

IF WE LOSE OUR HELMSMAN, IT'S OVER!!
NICE, PETE! YOU AND HULK PROTECT THE CAPTAIN!
"KISHAA!"
"SLASH!"
GHH
DAMN IT!!
DA-
YOU ALL RIGHT, CAFELL!?
"GHOO!"

SOMETHING'S STARBOARD SIDE! 30° TO PORT SIDE!
CAPTAIN!
!?
MAN! THEY JUST KEEP COMING!
NOSE! YOU GOTTA BE FASTER WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS!!
WHOA!
CRUNCH!


YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING MEEEE!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
...A...
TITAN?

GYAAAA

CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!

GRK
GRK
GRK
GRK
THE TITAN TOOK OUT OUR THIRD MAST!
THAT'S NOT A TITAN!
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK... THERE...
GRRRN
ZUOO
IT'S JUST ...
MORE OF THESE GUYS!!

GRKHH!
THE WIND IS ON OUR SIDE! WE CAN SHAKE 'EM IF WE REACH THE ISLAND!!
EEEEK!! THEY'RE CHASING US!!
SHIT!

SHA-SSHA
HOW MANY ARE THERE? I'VE COUNTED AT LEAST A DOZEN...
LAND!
MORE LIKE A HUN-DRED...
HIT
HAVE
SHA-PSHA
SHA-SSHA
SHA-PSHA
HIT
HIT
HAVE
NO WAY...
TENS OF THOU-SANDS ...
THOU-SANDS ...

GKK
GKK
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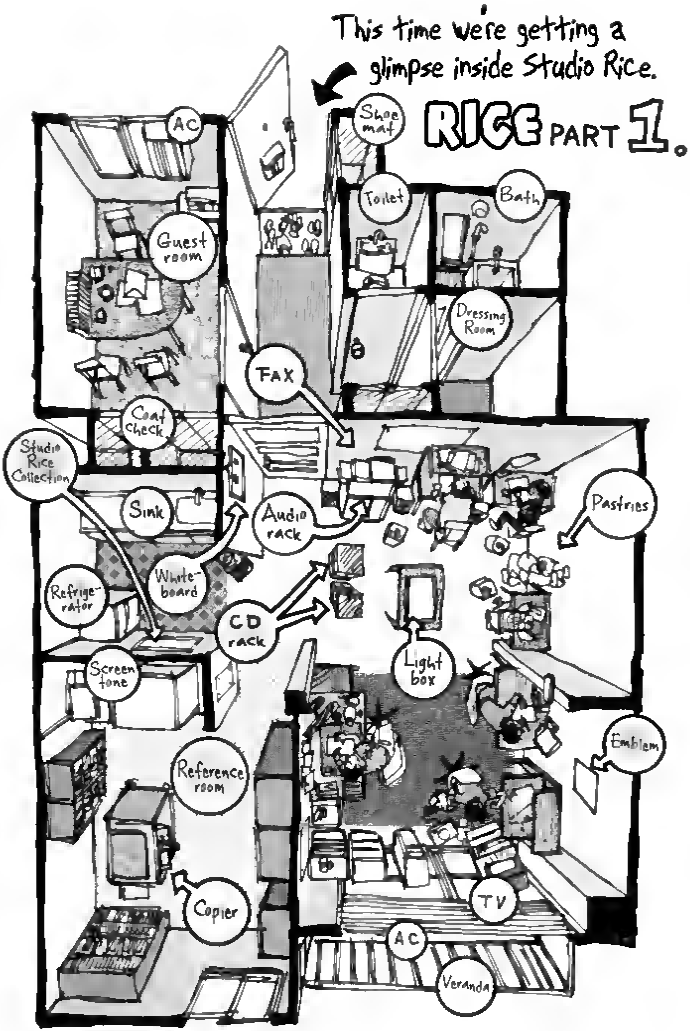
GKK
SO THIS... IS THE PIRATE GRAVE-YARD!!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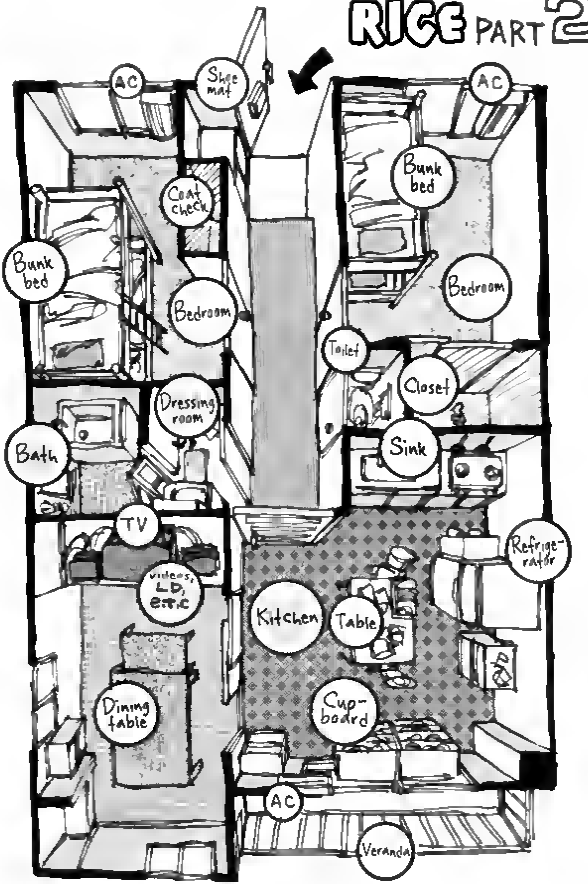
RICE PART 1.
AC
Shoe mat
Toilet
Bath
Guest room
Dressing Room
FAX
Coat check
Studio Rice Collection
Sink
Audio rack
Pastries
Refrige-rator
White-board
CD rack
Light box
Screen tone
Emblem
Reference room
Copier
TV
AC
Veranda

RICE PART 2.



GO!

And now for the quiz.

Quiz HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!

Kitchen 2

At Studio Rice, we cook all of our meals. Who is the cook currently?

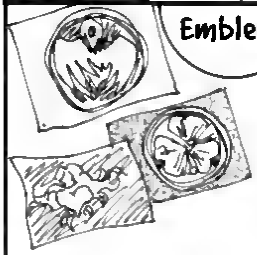
A	B	C
Abi	Neemon	Boushi

CD Rack 1

There are around 500 music CDs in Studio Rice. Which of these is not a part of our collection?

A	B	C
Jimon Jitou by Mitsu	Don't Cry, Baby, Don't Cry!	Kitajima Saburo's Top 16

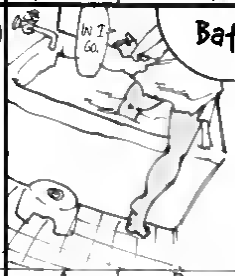
Emblem 4



What is our emblem?

A	B	C
White Void	Sweet Madonna	A Hollyhock

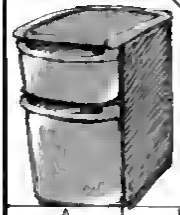
Bath 3



Everyone here uses the bath every day. Who takes the longest bath?

A	B	C
Honey	MinMin	Boushi

Refrigerator 6



What's the make of our refrigerator? For those curious, the refrigerator in Part 2 is a Mitsubishi.

A	B	C
Sony	Sanyou	National

Whiteboard 5

We use this to track the Nippon Professional Baseball Central League. Which one is the author's favorite team?

A	B	C
Giants	Dragons	Bay Stars

Dressing Room 8

Neemon forgot to get a new bath mat, so what have we been using to dry our feet instead?

A	B	C
Socks	A Pillow	A Doormat

Reference Room 7

We have all kinds of books, magazines, and toys to use as reference here. Which of these is not part of our collection?

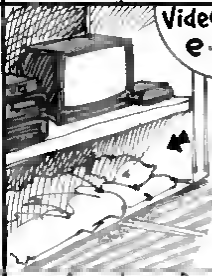
A	B	C
First Steps to Playing Guitar	Professional Sumo Wrestling	A Tour of Western Countries

Studio Rice Collection 10

The corkboard holds our collective collection. What is it we collect?

A	B	C
Matchbooks	Plastic Bottle Caps	Barcodes

Videos, L.D, e.t.c. 9



The e.t.c. is a small space we use as a makeshift bed. Who sleeps here?

A	B	C
Honey	MinMin	Boushi

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